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We are celebrating one year online!

BY BRANDY TODT

The Vermont Journal / The Shopper

REGION - The Vermont Journal and The Shopper is celebrating our one year anniversary of our new website vermontjournal.com. Prior to July 2016, the website had been tweaked once in 2010. It was not mobile friendly, articles were not being added daily, nor were there any online ads. The site was archaic and cumbersome. Our two Facebook pages were also not getting the attention they needed.

"We were missing our audience and an advertising opportunity," said Vince West, online ad manager.

Jackson Whelan was the web designer and developer that took on our massive web overhaul. He helped us to rebrand ourselves, showing us wireframes and layout ideas, and the potential we had. The whole web project took three months.

"We really felt involved in the design and layout process," says Graphic Director Shawntae Stillwell, "and we were very insistent that the new site needed to be mobile friendly."

After the official launch in July 2016, we encountered beginner challenges; it was tough to get readers to return and notice that our website was not only entirely new, but also simple to navigate and completely mobile compatible. Holding



Celebrate with us! During the month of August we will be having Facebook contests!

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to the principle that information should be accessible to everyone, we do not have a pay wall to access the news online. Another feature for our readers is the ease of submitting a classified or calendar event directly online.

The two Facebook pages were quickly combined into one; Twitter and Instagram accounts were also created, all with the one handle @vermontjournal.

Soon a Discover tab was available online for readers to learn where the best places to go hiking or camping are found, visit a covered bridge, take

a local brewery tour, get spooked at a haunted location, or attend a seasonal festival. New Discover links are added regularly.

In February, after many hours of researching and writing descriptions for local hospitality businesses, a phenomenal free Eat and Stay guide was available online.

One year later, our online presence has grown and improved. Fifty percent of our readers view vermontjournal.com via their phones; we have a large age range including 18 - 24 year olds reading news online; and the readership numbers

are increasing from Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. We had projected that in one year we would have 439,885 impressions. We have achieved 463,420 impressions.

This is just the beginning for us, we are constantly growing and changing so we can continue to be the voice of the community.

In celebration of our anniversary we will be holding weekly Facebook contests, with great prizes, throughout the month of August. Visit us on Facebook @VermontJournal and participate for a chance to win!



Safe found!

The Great New England Hurricane struck Chester in late September 1938. E.R. Wiggins Lumber & Construction buildings, located just off Cobleigh Street in Chester, were swept downstream in the Williams River and their safe was forever lost ... or was it? Read the full story on the extraction of a safe from the Williams River on page A8.

PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT

Two deaths in Londonderry

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - On July 12, 2017 Vermont State Police detectives investigated two unattended deaths in the Town of Londonderry. At approximately 9:50 a.m. troopers and Londonderry Rescue personnel responded to a residence on North Main Street for a reported non-responsive male in his apartment. 22-year-old Keith Johnson was found to be deceased. Evidence of recent illicit drug use was present in the apartment.

At approximately 1:41 p.m. hours, detectives at the above scene responded to Magic Mountain Access Rd for a second unattended death.

A 41-year-old female had collapsed suddenly at her residence and was unable to be revived by rescue personnel. The female's name is not yet being released so family notifications can be completed.

At this time, it is undetermined if the deaths are connected. Both victims will be transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Burlington. Autopsy/toxicology are pending. Both investigations are active and anyone with information should contact the State Police at the Westminster Barracks at 802 722-4600.

Home burglary in the town of Cavendish

CAVENDISH, Vt. - On July 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. the Vermont State Police responded to the report of a burglary in the town of Cavendish. The investigation determined that the burglary occurred sometime between July 14 and July 16. Firearms were among other missing items. If you have any information in regards to this burglary please contact the Vermont State Police at 802-722-4600.



If you have any information call 802-722-4600. PHOTO PROVIDED



ROHD looks for donations

Rockingham Old Home Days takes place on August 5. The fireworks will be at 9:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help collect funds beginning at 8 p.m. Anyone wanting to donate to the firework fund, send to Rock & Hammer, 26 The Square, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

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Gov. Phil Scott with Club President Tesha Buss & Kim Lampert.

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Governor Phil Scott speaks on Vermont's economy, affordability, and young Vermonters

LUDLOW, Vt. - In a packed luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club, Governor Phil Scott joined the group to meet fellow Rotarians and speak.

Growing the economy was one of Scott's most impor-

tant topics, while making Vermont more affordable and creating ways to keep young adults in Vermont.

A point well made was, "6, 3 and 1." Vermont's aging population and stagnant population growth sees an average of six Vermont workers leave daily. On average, three students per day withdraw from our school, and one Vermont child per day is born exposed to drugs. Gov.

Scott commented that he keeps this stat in the back of his mind and tries to improve the future of Vermont.

Scott is a native Vermonter from Barre and is the states 82nd governor. As a small Vermont businessman, he saw the need for positive improvements to Vermont economic, housing and health issues. This led Phil Scott to run for politi-

cal office and today in the Governor of Vermont.

The Ludlow Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at DJ's Restaurant on Main Street in Ludlow from 12:15-1:30 p.m. The club is active in local and international projects. New members are welcome.

Please visit www.ludlowrotary.com for more info regarding upcoming projects and club news.

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Take it from the top!

Okemo opens new lift-served mountain biking summit trail

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Mountain Resort has taken lift-served mountain biking to new heights this summer. An expansion of the Evolution Bike Park at Okemo includes a new trail that starts at the summit and is accessible by the Sunburst Six chairlift. The new flow trail is 3.2 miles long and descends 2,000 vertical feet. It is an intermediate-level trail that returns to the base of the Sunburst Six.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of the trail on July 15. Okemo Mountain Resort Director of Mountain Operations Eb Kinney had the honor of cutting the ribbon. He and his team have been

working diligently to construct the trail under less-than ideal conditions. Several members of his crew and EVO Bike Park staff were on hand for the trail opening ceremony.

"We have faced some challenges with such a wet spring and summer," Kinney said, "but with the hard work of our team we got the trail open, and we look forward to starting construction on a second summit trail."

The Evolution Bike Park at Okemo debuted in the summer of 2015. Anchored by The Green Mile and Flow Rider trails, it introduced terrain with berms, bridges, boardwalks and rollers accessible by chairlift. Last summer, the trail count grew to six

and utilize the natural rock to offer fun, challenging, and unique riding experiences here in the east, as we have done in Colorado," said Robertson. "The long-term goal is to allow a wide range of ages and ability levels to enjoy the progression of resort mountain biking, as well as create a venue to host premier mountain biking events in years to come."

Trails from the summit were part of EVO Bike Park's original design created by Christian Robertson, who has been designing and building trails at Okemo's sister mountains, Crested Butte Mountain Resort, in Colorado, and Mount Sunapee Resort, in New Hampshire, for more than a decade. When Robertson first explored the terrain at Okemo, he found it to be an ideal canvas for building what potentially could become one of the best mountain bike parks in New England. The lower mountain area features gentle terrain offering something for the never-ever rider through advanced intermediate levels. The upper mountain, served by the Sunburst Six, offers unique opportunities to incorporate the natural landscape into the trail design for the advanced intermediate and expert rider.

"As the trail networks grow, there is an amazing opportunity to create lines that move through the forests

and utilize the natural rock to offer fun, challenging, and unique riding experiences here in the east, as we have done in Colorado," said Robertson. "The long-term goal is to allow a wide range of ages and ability levels to enjoy the progression of resort mountain biking, as well as create a venue to host premier mountain biking events in years to come."

Another improvement this summer was the relocation of Okemo's Evolution Bike Shop from the Clock Tower base lodge to the Sugar House mid-mountain lodge, accessed by driving past the Clock Tower and continuing up Mountain Road. On the lower level of the Sugar House, visitors can find the solution to all their mountain biking gear needs and more than 100 new Scott mountain bikes available for rent.

Upstairs, adjacent to the sunny deck, Switchback BBQ made its debut this summer – serving fresh-from-the-grill burgers and hot dogs, along with snacks and beverages, including a selection of local beer.

For riders just getting into the



Okemo Director of Mountain Operations Eb Kinney had the honor of cutting the ribbon. Some crewmembers were on hand to help celebrate the achievement. L to R: Chris Lancaster, Maria Scopelliti, John Boudro, Gary Caldwell, Dave Hildreth, Shawn Haines, Matt McFarlia and Nate Rand.

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sport, Okemo offers MTB Camps at the Sugar House throughout the summer. Similar to skiing, mountain biking requires a skill set that is best learned with the help of a professional. Okemo's Camps allow par-

ticipants to advance in confidence and improve skills. Guides are also available to accompany guests on an hourly basis.

For more information, visit okemo.com or call 802-228-1600.

Motel in the Meadow



Marji Graf, CEO of Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce congratulates Pat Budnick of Motel in the Meadow in Chester for being chosen by her peers to be July Member of the Month. Pat has raised over \$60,000 over the past 15 years for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, New England. She has raised money for the Chester fireworks since 2005 and was Overture to Christmas Chair for over 10 years. She also runs the Chester Senior Christmas Dinner at the elementary school the second week in December. The Chamber is pleased to honor Pat Budnick and all she does for the community!

PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

Rotary continues free books for toddlers

REGION - Imagine if every preschool child received a book in his or her home every month for the first five years of life. Imagine the excitement those children would feel receiving those gifts. Imagine if this sixty-volume library was absolutely free to the children and their families. Since 2012, the Ludlow Rotary has made this a reality in Ludlow, Mt Holly, Plymouth and Cavendish.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a unique program that mails a new, age-appropriate book into the homes of children every month from birth to age five. Dolly's Imagination Library is designed to inspire the love of reading in children by spending time with family and friends sharing these wonderful books together. Dolly understands that reading is the key to a strong education, and that a child's imagination is the center of his or her dreams and creativity. By combining the two, this program inspires children to dream more, learn more, care more, and be more.

Under this program, more than 500 million free books by recognized

authors have been mailed to preschool children, mostly in the United States, Canada and Great Britain. With the help of local educators, a large proportion of children resident in Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Cavendish, Plymouth and parts of Reading are now registered to receive these books each month. The Ludlow Rotary is absolutely delighted with the results to date.

An easy way to register your under-age-5 child, or children, for this program is to visit the children's section of Ludlow's Fletcher Memorial Library, where there is a display of Imagination Library books and lots of registration cards. Registration cards can also be obtained from the Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. The privacy of the children is strictly honored.

The signature book of the Imagination Library, "The Little Engine That Could," is recognized by most parents. The books are addressed and mailed directly to the children, much to their delight. The mailings start about six weeks after the date of

registration.

As a past president of the Ludlow Rotary said, "Opportunities to do this much good don't come along very often so we have to give it our best effort."

We tried and it turned out we could, even though the Ludlow Rotary's financial resources are stretched at a cost of about \$25 per child per year. With research concluding that children that participate in this type of program get a real boost in their performance – doing much better in kindergarten and throughout their academic career – we think this investment in our children is more than worth the cost.

As participation in the Imagina-

tion Library increases, the Ludlow Rotary welcomes outside financial assistance in this important work from those that are not immediate members of the families that benefit. You can contribute to the Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) organization), indicating "Imagination Library" in the memo section of your check, and mailing it to the Ludlow Rotary address shown above. So far, the most frequent contributors are grandparents whose children live out of area. For additional information, please contact David Almond at bethalmond@tds.net. For further information about the Ludlow Rotary and its projects, visit ludlowrotary.com.

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In last weeks' July 12 edition, we gave the incorrect phone number for the Health Access Line for SMCS, as well as for the new Charlestown Health Center.

The Health Access line for the entire Springfield Medical Care System is
802-885-7604

Fire dept. auction

Mt. HOLLY, Vt. - The Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their Fundraising Auction on Saturday, July 22. The auction will be held at the Belmont Fire Station on Church Street, next to the Community Church, in Belmont, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with preview at 9:00 a.m.



Join the auction and support the Mt. Holly Fire Dept. PHOTO PROVIDED

A few of the items to be auctioned off are antiques, tractor, furniture, toys, dishes, paintings, many gift certificates for auto care, restaurant dinners, truck loads of crushed gravel, truck loads of firewood, also many new items donated by area merchants and much more.

The fire department is looking for donations of good, saleable items for auctioning. Please search your attic, basement, closets, garage, and sheds for items you wish to donate. Call us and we will pick it up! All funds earned are used to purchase addition-

al fire fighting and prevention equipment. Call 802-259-2060 or 802-779-7258

The Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will provide refreshments.

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Weston's Premiere of "Tenderly" leaves audience speechless

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

WESTON, Vt. - Amazing. Breath-taking. Inspiring. Incredible. Touching.

Weston's Rod and Gun Club theater was packed on July 14 for the 7:30 p.m. performance of "Tenderly," starring two beloved actors, Susan Haefner and Samuel Lloyd Jr., who've appeared on Weston stages again and again. In the brief intermission, the audience was in awe and had few words to say. They needed the time to process the first half of an incredible performance, which was emotional, personal, realistic, and relatable. The audience found a piece of themselves in the characters who portrayed Rosemary Clooney's life and work.

Rosemary Clooney, a beloved actress and singer that graced American stages for five decades, comes to life in this musical. Her life story, beginning with her childhood in Maysville, Kentucky, and following her all over the world, to Hollywood stardom and to a mental health clin-

ic, where her story unravels, unveils her personality and struggles with depression and addiction.

The Doctor, a character brought to life by Samuel Lloyd Jr., reaches Clooney, played by Susan Haefner, who comes to terms with unresolved conflicts that remained suppressed all her life. He breaks through her shell and takes on various personas to accommodate Clooney's vivid memories, taking the audience on an incredible journey.

Lloyd began acting as a child, playing a role in "Annie Get Your Gun," and has since performed on television shows and theaters everywhere, including "Scrubs" and "Desperate Housewives."

Haefner has starred in Broadway's "42nd Street," "The National Tour of Billy Elliot," and originated the role of Rosemary Clooney in the world premiere of "Tenderly" at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park.

The two actors were accompanied by a jazz trio led by music director and pianist Jeffrey Lodin. The production was choreographed by Felicity Stiverson and directed by

Weston Founding Director Tim Fort.

This unique musical was written by composer, lyricist, and playwright Mark Friedman and writer, composer, and lyricist Janet Yates Vogt. Friedman was honored as 2005 National Music Educator of the Year, and he has co-founded Cincinnati's Shakespeare Festival, the Peanut Butter Theatre for Children, the Artreach Touring Theatre, and the Good News Company. His songs have been released worldwide, and he's a member of ASCAP, the Dramatist Guild, and the Paradigm Talent Agency in New York City.

Vogt is known for her musical theater works, children's vocal music, adult choral works, and educational keyboard publications. She studied piano and music theory at Cincinnati College: Conservatory of Music, and she works as a pit orchestra member, vocal coach, vocalist, teaches at Cincinnati College, and presents at music conferences nationwide.

The play began as one-act, but after the writers' workshop in 2014,

the play grew to two full acts, and Weston's production is the first of the play's most recent edition. Director Tim Fort saw this play performed a couple of years back, and knew he wanted to produce his own version for audiences in Vermont, being the 13th show he's directed at Weston in about 15 years. Fort has previously worked with Haefner and Lloyd, having directed Haefner 14 or 15 times. Fort is always amazed and impressed by her ability to bring characters to life, and immensely enjoyed the opportunity and experience of working with the two actors.

This is the Rod & Gun Club Theater's last summer, as the new stage at Walker Farm will open September 23. A long awaited celebration awaits!

Andrea McArdle will be performing on July 24 in celebration of her 40th anniversary of creating the iconic role of Little Orphan Annie; join her on a journey from Tin Pan Alley to Broadway. Tickets are available at the box office or visit westonplayhouse.org for more information. Tenderly runs from July 13 to



Tenderly the story of Rosemary Clooney.

PHOTO BY DIRECTOR TIM FORT

Aug. 5 at the Weston Rod & Gun Club (982 Rte 100S). Showtimes are Tuesday - Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Call the Weston Playhouse Box Office at 802-824-5288 or visit the website westonplayhouse.org.

Okemo Ski + Ride School supervisor named among Ski Area Management's 10 Under 30

LUDLOW, Vt. - Okemo Mountain Resort Ski + Ride School Supervisor and Instructor Katie Brinton was named one of Ski Area Management's "10 Under 30" in the July 2017 issue of the magazine. Brinton, age 27, of Water Mill, N.Y., made her first turns on snow as a Ski-Wee at Okemo. She is now a PSIA Alpine Level III certified instructor and trainer.

"I grew up skiing there," Brinton said. "After I got a job as an instructor, I realized the ski industry could be a real-life job."

Ski Area Management is a ski industry publication that recognizes ten young professionals annually. This year's "10 Under 30" headline reads "Wise Beyond Their Years - at resorts throughout North America,

an impressive crop of talented millennials is taking the reins."

Okemo Mountain Resort Ski + Ride School Director Chirs Saylor said, "I am very pleased with Katie's selection for SAM's "10 under 30." Katie is a hard working, dedicated professional who exemplifies what it takes to be a great instructor and staff trainer. Her guests and their experiences are always at the forefront of her thoughts."

"My managers in the Ski + Ride School are dedicated and thoughtful and have offered me so much support and room for growth," said Brinton. "I love the ski industry and the team I work with at Okemo, and I was really honored to be recognized for the work I do in our snowsports school. I am looking forward

to another winter at Okemo where I can continue to support our wonderful staff as a trainer and supervisor and develop as an instructor as I pursue further education through PSIA."

Okemo Mountain Resort offers an ideal setting for beginner skiers and snowboarders, as well as varied terrain for intermediate and advanced enthusiasts.

Okemo's professional ski and snowboard instructors specialize in patience, skill-building and instilling confidence in skiers and riders of every age. Instruction opportunities range from lessons for first-timers to intermediate and advanced group and



Katie Brinton.

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private lessons, season-long programs, competitive programs, and even workshops and clinics for expert skiers and riders.

August Chamber Corner

LUDLOW, Vt. - Marji Graf, CEO of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new member this month. Willow Draws the World by Willow Bascom. She draws world Folk Art inspired by living in Saudi Arabia and Panama. To learn more about her work contact Bascom at 802-672-5390.

Please watch the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's show this month on LPCTV. Graf interviews Bret Rugg from the Fullerton Inn and Emmett Dunbar (board member) interviews Jatni regarding our Member Benefit - online marketplace.

A few save the dates:

- Cruise In August 25 at Bensons Chevrolet 5 - 8 p.m.
- Car Show August 26 with parade to Weston at 3 p.m. & August 27 at Fletcher Farm School 10 - 3 p.m. (Awards ceremony at 2 p.m.)

- Golf Tournament- September 12
- Dinner Train- September 14. The route is Chester-Ludlow-Chester
- Big E - September 21 & 22 Springfield, Mass.

- Casino Night and mixer at Jackson Gore Inn - November 15 (open to all community members).

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Walker Bridge under construction. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL



Walker Bridge is open! Marji Graf held a ribbon cutting on Monday, July 10. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

Ludlow Main Street merchants say thanks for helping us through the bridge construction

LUDLOW, Vt. - Now that the Walker Bridge is open, the Ludlow merchants would like to take a moment to say thank you to all of the people who helped us get through the bridge closure and had some fun along the way. We have celebrated eating and buying local, Black River High School graduation, local arts

and crafts, and 4th of July, all while the bridge was being rebuilt, and we couldn't have done it without the support of our community!

Thank you to those who helped us put on these events, especially the 4th of July Fireworks Block Party on Main Street that people are still talking about - including Okemo

Mountain Resort, Howie Paul and the Ludlow Recreation Department, Ludlow Town Manager Frank Heald, Ludlow Ambulance, Ludlow Police, Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium, American Legion Post 36, Ludlow Streetscapes, Black River Academy Museum, and the Ludlow Rotary.

We would like to thank Okemo Community Challenge for providing the funding for the 1950s Style 4th of July Weekend Celebration. We would like to thank the businesses who took part in the Hunt for the Elvis scavenger hunt - Big Eyes Bakery, Blue Sky, The Book Nook, Chaos Casbah, Circa 1810, Mojos

Café, Stemwinder and The Wine & Cheese Depot; Jennifer McBride for a wonderful poster design for the 4th of July weekend events; Aubuchon Hardware for the paint for our signs; Tim Morton and the Okemo Mountain Sign Shop for creating the What's Shakin banners; Michael Kingsbury and the Rumpus for the

live storytelling at The Book Nook; Dan Buckley and his classic cars; and a big thank you to Paul Faenza and Scott Stearns, who anchored the efforts of the downtown merchants.

We appreciate everyone's support and hope that you continue to "Shop Local" and support your local community!

I-91-Rockingham bridge update

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Stephanie Barrett, public outreach contact for the bridge project, said today that motorists wanting to get onto I-91 northbound at the Exit 6 on-ramp

must continue to Exit 7 via Route 5 and get on there. The northbound lanes are closed at Exit 6 and a signed detour directs all traffic on Route 5 to Exit 7, July 17-July 28.

On Friday, July 21, there will be a lane shift, northbound on I-91. All northbound traffic from the south on I-91 will be directed to cross over to the southbound bridge lanes briefly, then cross back onto the northbound lanes, north of the bridge. There will be only two lanes on the southbound bridge, going in both directions. Jersey barriers will separate the two lanes.

The posted speed limit in the work zone is 55 mph and will be strictly enforced. Motorists are reminded to observe all signs and instructions from VTrans personnel and the police. Handheld devices are prohibited while driving, per Vermont state law.

For more information, go to 511vt.com, or Twitter @511vt or #91rockbridges.

Cavendish town-wide tag sale

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The 7th Annual Cavendish town-wide tag sale has something for everyone-treasurers, great prices, the object you've been trying to find for years, the item you just can't live without, as well as good food and friendly people.

From 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., on Saturday, July 29, the village greens (Cavendish and Proctorsville), Main Street and other locations, are lined with vendors ready to bargain. A list of vendors, including what they will be offering, is available at the Cavendish Connects website www.cavendishconnects.com.

The Proctorsville Fire Department will be hosting their annual BBQ, while the Cavendish Historical Society will be signing cop-



Participate in the town-wide tag sale in Cavendish on Saturday, July 29, 2017! PHOTO PROVIDED BY CAVENDISHCONNECTS.CO

ies of their latest publication "Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn: The Writer Who Changed History" in the Proctorsville Green Gazebo. Area churches as well as neighbors and families will be happy to help you shop. There are several "moving sales" this year and for those who love the best bargain-free-you can have it will once again

be set up under the big tree on the Cavendish Village Green. The Cavendish Elementary School sixth graders will be holding a carwash from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There is also a special lemonade stand this year on the Proctorsville Green.

Vendors from surrounding towns will be able to purchase booth space on the village greens for a fee. Non-residents interested in learning more about this opportunity need to call 802-226-7807 or e-mail cavendishconnects@gmail.com.

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The Vermont Department of Financial Regulation (DFR) may be able to help you determine if you are entitled to compensation from your insurance company. Whether you suffered damages in last weekend's severe storms or you have questions about your insurance policies and coverage, DFR staff members can offer useful guidance.

Commissioner Michael S. Picciak reminds Vermonters that being prepared is important but knowing what to do in the aftermath is also imperative.

"It is critical to be informed and prepared but sometimes disasters happen with little warning," he said. "The staff at DFR is knowledgeable and experienced and has the tools to guide folks toward a quicker resolution that may help speed up repairs on your property. Our staff is also prepared to help with any issues you may have when dealing with your insurance company."

There are several steps you can take before bad weather occurs:

- Have a plan for evacuation
- Record an inventory of the items in your home
- Make sure your cell phones are fully charged
- Have flashlights and extra batteries on hand
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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com

Boyhood memories

Sometimes, I'm strapped for time to research my weekly article. When that happens I write about some of my own memories. Below is such a case.

One summer day about this time of year my mother, father and I went fishing up to Lake Amherst on Route 100. I was 5 years old at the time. We parked along Route 100 and walked down the rocky embankment to the water.

It was a nice place to fish, with other fishermen taking advantage of the location. We had fished quite a while without so much as a nibble. I kept getting hung up on rocks. Next to us was a man fishing. All of a sudden he had a fish on. I didn't want to believe it and said to him, "You ain't got nothing mister, you're hung."

He said, "Come here, young fella." He handed me his pole and let me reel the fish in. I've never forgotten his act of kindness that day.

I was about the same age when this event happened. We had a balsam tree on our front lawn. One early summer day I was outside playing when I noticed a bird's nest in the tree. It was a robin's nest with several chicks. Well, I picked up those robin chicks and looked them over and petted them. Pretty soon I began itching. I noticed these tiny orange bugs crawling all over me. I was scared and went running to my mother. She instantly knew they were bird lice and put me in the bathtub.

She scrubbed and scrubbed me, drained the tub, refilled and repeated the scrubbing. My mother could scrub your scalp till it hurt. She must have had brass knuckles or so I thought. Eventually I was lice free and I had learned a lesson.

I was about 11 years old when my older sister, Norma, and her husband Louie took me to Reptile World in the Adirondacks. I always liked snakes. Reptile World had every sort of reptile imaginable. I remember a man holding a small python for the audience. He asked if anyone wanted to touch it. I stepped forward and petted the python. He

could tell I liked snakes and asked if I wanted to hold it. "Yes," was my reply. The photo with this article is me and the python.

One cold winter day, when I was about 13, I was snowshoeing in the woods and spotted a large paper hornet nest suspended from a limb. Boy, was it huge and in excellent condition. I managed to break off the small limb it was hanging from. I admired it for a while and decided I wanted to keep it.

My mother had an Empire secretary with two glass doors in the upper section. In it she had a few books and knick-knacks. I moved her things around and put the nest on one of the shelves. This was great, or so I thought.

dispatch the hornets in the secretory.

Another time Norma and Louie rented a camp on Carpenters Point on Lake Rescue. I was about 13 years old. I spent most of the week at the camp swimming and fishing.

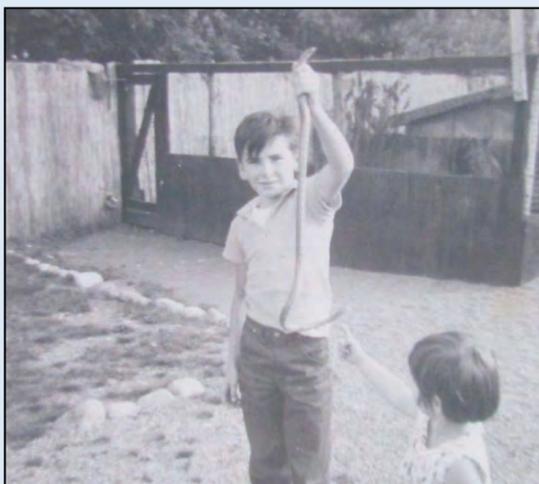
Late one afternoon I was fishing on the dock and Louie was having a beer. Louie sat there drinking his beer as I fished. Soon Norma hollered from the camp to Louie to come help her with something. Louie went up to the camp and I continued fishing.

I turned around and noticed Louie had left his can of beer by his chair. I picked it up, thinking no one would ever know and took a swig of his beer. Unknown to me a yellow jacket had crawled inside his beer can. That bee sting on the side of my tongue was excruciating. I spit him out and put the beer down. I didn't dare tell what I had done so I never went to a doctor. The pain in my tongue lasted a couple of weeks.

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is *Wednesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. at the Academy building. *Note date change. The monthly slideshow will be recent photos of removing an antique safe from the Williams River near the foot-bridge. And you can come and see the safe.

Don't forget our yard sale July 22.

This week's old saying is from W.C. Fields. "It ain't what they call you, it's what you answer to."



Little Ronnie Patch holding a Python.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

A couple of hours later I went to admire it. You can imagine my surprise when I saw the interior of the glass doors were covered with white-face hornets. My mother was furious with me. Thankfully they were still a little groggy from being frozen and I was able take the nest outside and

the Williams River near the foot-bridge. And you can come and see the safe.

Hartness State Airport to mark 90th anniversary of Lindbergh landing in Springfield, 1927

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - This summer marks the 90th anniversary of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's historic visit to Springfield. On Wednesday, July 26, the date of the original visit in 1927, there will be a ceremony to commemorate this event at Hartness State Airport in North Springfield from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

On July 26, 1927, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh flew his "Spirit of St. Louis" airplane to Springfield, Vt., as part of a national program to celebrate his famous New York to Paris flight earlier that year. His visit drew large crowds to Springfield, including a famous ceremony at the local airport, hosted by James Hartness. The colonel stayed in the Hartness House during his time in the community.

The highlight of this 90th anniversary event will be a gilder arrival, named "The Spirit of Anne Morrow Lindbergh," at 2 p.m. The ceremonial

leading greeter of the Famous Flyer will be none other than his daughter, Reeve Lindbergh Tripp, who now lives in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Reeve has carried on with the extraordinary legacy of her mother, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, with her own treasure of creative and inspirational writings.

Anne Spencer Morrow Lindbergh left the halls of Smith College to succeed as an ideal partner in future Lindbergh Aviation research projects. Her participation in these flights earned her admission to no less than four aviation-related halls of fame and she was the first woman to hold a glider pilot's license in the US.

Admission to the anniversary event is free. For more information, contact Walter Striedeck at 802-460-3686, or Hartness State Airport/Springfield Aviation at 802-886-2647.



Lindbergh + Hartness at plane on Lindbergh Day on July 20, 1927.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Scott Covered Bridge ribbon-cutting

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - The Townshend Historical Society, West River Community Project and Community Hope & Action invite all to attend a celebration of the restoration of the Scott Covered Bridge, Route 30. The celebration is Sunday, July 23, 4-8 p.m. on the Scott Bridge.

At 4 p.m. there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony with speaker Robert McCullough, UVM professor of historic preservation and author of "Vermont Crossings: A History of Vermont Bridges." Immediately after-



Scott Covered Bridge before restoration.

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wards there will be an old-fashioned potluck dinner and square dance to the music of Sally Newton and Michael Donahue.

Please bring a generous dish to share, plates, utensils, and folding chairs. This is an alcohol free event.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vermont's human resource

When the First Vermont Brigade was sent to reinforce the Union Army at Gettysburg July 1, 1863, the brigade already had a reputation for speed going into battle. General Sedgwick issued his now famous order: "Put the Vermonters ahead and keep the column well closed up," meaning the Vermont brigade could be counted on to set the pace for a fast march. Whether the Vermonters – median age, about 25, mostly off the farms – just wanted to get it over with, or believed they would prevail, no one knows. Whatever it was, they had a job to do.

That can-do attitude has been a Yankee trait since our earliest times. Vermont grew and flourished for its first 200 years because, fired by the prospect of building a new society, our energy, inventiveness and skill were turned loose. Our products were sought-after because we were so good at what we did. We were problem-solvers, fabricators, natural engineers. Sometimes necessity drove us, and sometimes we were just tinkering. Whatever we needed, we built or adapted it. We had "Yankee ingenuity."

The list of Vermont inventions is lengthy. Thomas Davenport of Forest Dale: the electric motor. John Deere of Rutland: "the plow that broke the Plains." Samuel Hopkins of Pittsford: the potash furnace (the very first U.S. patent, in 1791). Thaddeus Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury: the platform scale and artificial refrigeration. Charles Orvis: the fly fishing reel. John Conant of Brandon and Henry Stanley of Poultney: cast-iron cookstoves, parlor stoves. All produced without fossil fuels!

Windsor was the cradle of the machine tool industry that turned out parts for parts: intricate, often customized, interchangeable machine parts with close tolerances for precision assembly. We produced sewing machines, typewriters, gears, sophisticated lathes, rifles and revolvers. The American Precision Museum in Windsor preserves that legacy.

Now Vermont's technical schools are turning out the newest generation of inventive Yankees. Two of them – Tanner Bischofberger and Elijah Pianka, students in the audio-visual program at River Valley Technical Center – just earned honors and cash awards for themselves and their school by placing near the top in two competitions at the SkillsUSA National Skills and Leadership Conference in Louisville, Ky., in June. They qualified to attend the conference by producing a video on safety in the workplace for teens, titled "One Mistake Could Be Your Last." That production placed third after schools in North Carolina and Nevada. At the conference itself, they produced a publicity video about SkillsUSA, placing fourth in the nation.

In photos taken at the event, Bischofberger and Pianka pose in their red blazers, with huge smiles on their faces. Their teacher, Zach McNaughton, explained to The Shopper how achievement builds confidence. "Students who are serious about learning technical skills can thrive," he said. He has taken students to the skills conference for four years and they have gone on to outstanding colleges from there.

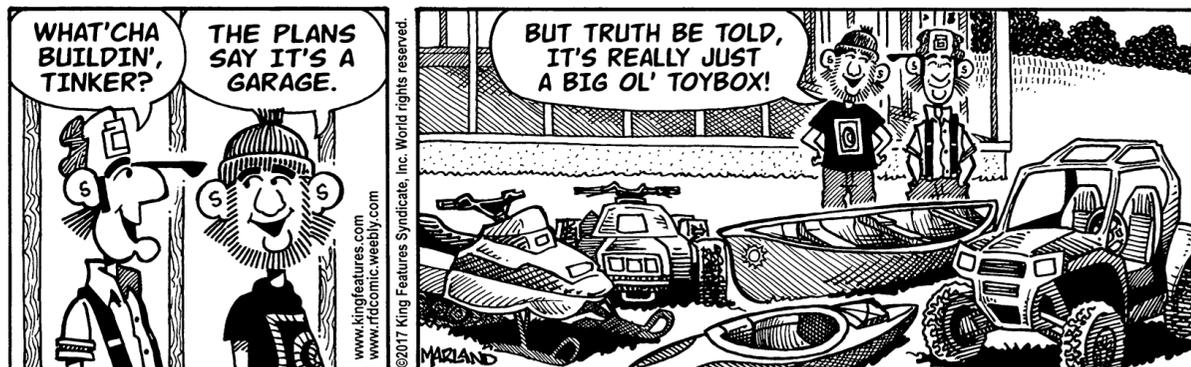
That's also true about young people who are serious about becoming proficient in any endeavor. Our Yankee attentiveness to detail, native intelligence, and traditional work ethic do count.

We have moved far beyond the simple tools of wood and iron, to entirely new and exciting technological frontiers, in information, communication, medicine, energy. But those humble traits are still called for.

Vermont has all the human resources it needs right under its nose. Recognize this resource, train it, reward it, keep drugs away from it, and put it to work at steady, well-paying jobs. A few companies are already doing that – G.E., Hubbardton Forge, Rutland Regional Medical Center, to name just three. We need more.

~BM~

R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

THE CASHIER



BY RICARDO GALVÃO

Op-Ed: Freedom and community revisited

Over the holiday weekend, rummaging through old file boxes in the barn, I came across a folder of my five-minute commentaries aired on WDEV radio thirty years ago. Most of them dealt with issues now long forgotten, but the final one in 1988, entitled "Vermont's Future," got my attention. So here it is, slightly updated:

Last year's debate on school centralization and this year's battle over growth control have brought to center stage the question: what kind of future can we expect for Vermont? Two very different pictures have emerged. One is Vermont as Land of Freedom. The other is Vermont as Land of Community. These twin themes, freedom and community, have swirled back and forth throughout Vermont history, and indeed, through American history.

The Land of Freedom is the land of individual rights. It is the land of private property ownership, a competitive economic system, and the opportunity to grow and become. In the Land of Freedom, independent citizens, their property and their rights secured by a limited government, will be happy, productive, and compassionate toward the less fortunate.

They will come together, not as subjects, but as free and independent citizens, to meet great crises and govern themselves.

The Land of Community is the land of working together, of shared values, of cooperation. It is the land of "we," as in "we don't want Vermont to turn into New Jersey." In the Land of Community citizens are expected to yield to the will of the majority rather than pursue their personal interests and private rights.

The Land of Freedom can be any scale, but the Land of Community has definite limits. For some purposes all of Vermont is a community. We were a community when as one we spoke out for halting the spread of slavery and sent our soldiers to save the Union. We were a community with all Americans when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

But in most things we do, Vermont is not a true statewide community, a fact long recognized in the old Mountain Rule, which alternated the governorship between the east and west sides of the Green Mountains. Bennington and Newport have very little in common, in any practical sense. The real battle for the soul of Vermont is over the extent to which

the people in control of state government will force their idea of community on people who rarely have much in common.

The backers of the Land of Community idea seem always eager to homogenize our society. They want to equalize, standardize, and unify what they conceive to be the various diverse parts of a statewide community. In doing so they give short shrift to the advocates of freedom, for they see freedom and individual rights as bothersome obstructions to their goal of creating a Land of Community in all things, regulated and enforced by the central power in Montpelier.

It is the Land of Community people who think up school regionalization schemes, so that all communities will be efficiently managed from Montpelier to produce the same thing for all of our children. It is the Land of Community people who want growth managed from the center, for the benefit of everybody. It is the Land of Community people who deplore the private ownership of property, for they are convinced that with freedom and property, individuals will undermine their vision of the common good.

To the Land of Freedom people, individual liberty comes first. They believe that only independent men and women can govern themselves in a republic, and they believe that centralized control over the things that are locally different signals the beginning of a tyranny which aims to strip them of their rights. Thus they want to keep control of their children's schools, and they oppose every attempt to strip them of their rights in land and, for that matter, their right to own guns.

The freedom advocates are today on the defensive, as the centralizers and standardizers and controllers have the upper hand in our state government. But the time may come when the pendulum swings back – and I for one hope it does."

My signoff for that 1988 commentary was: "This will be my last broadcast with you, for today I am becoming a candidate for the state Senate. I've enjoyed doing these shows, and I hope you have enjoyed listening – or if you have hated every minute of them, I hope I've at least made you think."

Written by John McLaughry, the vice president of the Ethan Allen Institute www.ethanallen.org.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This is a letter of thanks and encouragement for the Community Meals program sponsored by the Black River Good Neighbor Services. Krey Kellington, Administrator of Food Programs, initiated the idea of free-to-all Community Meals to the BRGNS board with the intention of both providing a free nutritious meal and building community spirit.

The board's response was positive and strong.

The Ludlow Baptist Church initiated the meals in December 2016 with a grand dinner of roast turkey and all the trimmings. The United Church of Ludlow followed in March 2017 with a robust beef stew dinner. The highlight of that event was the presence of a dozen residents of the Gill

Terrace Apartments. Annunciation Roman Catholic Church followed in June with a hearty spaghetti dinner. Deserts at each meal were scrumptious.

My wife and I attended all three meals, each drawing more than 65 persons. The tone is uplifting. At one of these, I engaged in conversation for 40 minutes with a gentleman I had never met before. These are welcoming, supportive occasions and do boost a sense of community.

Here is how it works: An organization agrees to sponsor a free-to-all meal. All they provide is the labor to prepare, serve and clean up. BRGNS provides the food, supplies and publicity. Krey works closely with the organization in planning and organizing. If an organization lacks a kitchen and dining facility, she will

work to arrange use of a setting that does. All meals so far have been dinners, but they can also be lunches or breakfasts and any day or night of the week.

So far, all meals have been in Ludlow. However, BRGNS's service area also includes Cavendish, Mount Holly and Plymouth. Citizens of all these towns are welcome at meals, and BRGNS encourages organizations in towns that have not yet sponsored a meal to do so.

Please consider having your organization sponsor a free-to-all Community Meal. Contact Krey Kellington at 802-228-3663 with questions, and you will receive firm support in joining this growing community building tradition.

Bob Kottkamp, Ludlow, Vt.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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Samuel "Sam" Lloyd

WESTON, Vt. - Please join us for a celebration of life for Samuel Lloyd will be on Monday, August 7 at 2 p.m. The event will take place at the

Weston Playhouse, located on the Weston Village Green. Reception will follow afterwards.

John Putnam

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - A celebration of life for John Putnam will take place on Sunday, July 30 at 11 a.m.

The BBQ will take place at the pavilion on Stoughton Pond in Weathersfield, Vt. Please bring a dish to share.

Mary Louise "Mary Lou" Reed, 1930 - 2017

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Mary Louise "Mary Lou" Reed, 86 of Bel lows Falls, Vermont passed away quietly on Tuesday, June 27, 2017. Mary Lou was born on August 25, 1930, in Bel lows Falls, Vermont to parents James and Teresa Slattery. She graduated from Bel lows Falls High School in 1949 and remained in Bel lows Falls until her passing where she shared a home with her two daughters, son-in-law, four cats and a dog.

Mary Lou was a fun loving person who was quick with a joke and the occasional prank. She enjoyed dancing, cooking and taking care of her family. "Proud Mary" may have been her favorite song, Lord knows she danced to it enough times over the years at the American Legion. Mary Lou was a loving and committed mother and grandmother. She will be dearly missed especially when it's time to do the dishes.

Mary Lou is survived by her sister Barbara "Morse" Guidon of Spring-

field, Massachusetts, daughter Gail Baker and son-in-law Bruce Baker of Bel lows Falls, Vermont, her grandson Harley Baker of Lowell, Massachusetts where he lives with his wife Marney and daughters Audrey & Julia, her granddaughter Megan Lund of Mountainside, New Jersey where she lives with her husband Erik and daughters Abigail & Claire. She was pre-deceased by parents, Jim Slattery, Tessie Slattery, brothers Jimmy Slattery, Jackie Slattery, and Danny Slattery, sister Corrine Gillen, and daughter Debbie Reed.

In observance of her wishes a small, private service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in her memory to the Windham County Humane Society: 916 West River Road, Brattleboro, Vermont, 05301.

Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bel lows Falls, Vermont is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Raymond Marshall Hatt, 1939 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Raymond Marshall Hatt, 77 passed away on Monday, July 10, 2017 at the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, Vermont. He was born August 14, 1939 in Newton, Mass. the son of Alfred N. and Etta M. (Robinson) Hatt.

After graduating High School He served in the United States Navy from 1957 to 1960.

After serving in the Navy Marshall worked as a machinist at Jones & Lamson Machine Tool Co., Bryant Grinder Co., and Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield, Vermont.

Marshall is survived by three daughters: Maureen Patoine and her husband Larry of Biddeford, Maine; Deborah Sayer and her hus-

band Brian of Arundel, Maine; and Heather Hatt of West Palm Beach, Florida; three grandchildren Ryan Sayer, Marisa Sayer, and Christian Patoine; two great granddaughters Averly Sayer and Lana Neider; sister Barbara Dube (Matthew) of Am sden, Vermont, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, brothers Howard Hatt, Kenneth "Pete" Hatt, and Robert Hatt; also by sister Gretchen Wheeler.

The family will gather at the graveside in Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vermont on August 26, 2017.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vermont is assisting the family with arrangements.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.
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Afternoon service at 1 p.m.
Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sanctuary handicap accessible; obbcvt.org.

BELMONT, VT.

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CAVENDISH, VT.

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Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.
Sunday Worship 9 a.m. ADA accessible. 802-484-5944

Dorothy "Dot" Stocker, 1930 - 2017

LUDLOW, Vt. - Dorothy "Dot" Stocker, 87 slipped down the bunny hole peacefully July 10, 2017 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home, Ludlow. She was born on April 1, 1930 daughter of Frank and Vera (Johnson) Lewis. Dot grew up in Cuttingsville.

She met Russell Stocker and they were married on December 21, 1948. They were married for 67 years when he passed away on February 27, 2015. After they married they lived in Healdville for a time and then moved to Ludlow where they bought their farm. She was a housewife until the kids were in school and then worked at the hot lunch program in Ludlow. She loved working and seeing all of the kids everyday. She did this for many years and then went on to being a custodian at night. She still was a substitute for hot lunch when needed. Dot also worked at the Ludlow Post Office. She was a hard worker all of her life.

She was a one of a kind person. She always had a new joke to tell and loved to make people laugh. Everybody that knew her loved her. She would do anything for anyone.

Her greatest love was her family. She loved spending time with the grandchildren and taking them shopping. She usually had a couple grandkids overnight on the week-ends. The house was always busy with family and friends. She also enjoyed cookouts in the summer. This last year with her failing health she loved going out to lunch with her daughters. She looked forward to getting out as much as she could even just for a ride. She loved to cook; when she made her famous



Dorothy "Dot" Stocker, 1930 - 2017 PHOTO PROVIDED

raised donuts the kids in the neighborhood would smell them and stop by for a treat. She did a lot of baking and cooking; she always wanted to cook a big Sunday dinner for the family. She always said, "We don't eat to live, we live to eat."

Her hobby was reading which she enjoyed all of her life.

She is survived by her four children: Nancy and her husband Jim of Ludlow, Randy and Debby of Cavendish, Rick and his wife of Springfield and Peggy Taylor of Mt. Holly. She also leaves six grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren whom she loved very much. She was predeceased by her husband, her parents and brothers, Arlo and Robert Lewis and son-in-law Kenneth Taylor.

The Graveside Funeral Service will be held at the Cavendish Village Cemetery on Saturday July 15, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Arrangements are in care of the Adams Funeral Home, Ludlow.

Joan Booth Sanderson, 1943 - 2017

LUDLOW, Vt. - Joan Booth Sanderson, 73 passed away Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. surrounded by her family. She was born October 15, 1943 in Springfield, Vt. the daughter of Elwin and Mabel (Godette) Booth. Joan was a graduate of Black River High School class of 1961.

On November 28, 1964 She married her true love, Carroll Allen Sanderson in Ludlow, Vt.

Joan first started working at the local movie theatre in Ludlow, Vt., followed by First National Grocery Store. An ambitious Joan soon moved on to work for General Electric and Green Mt. Lumber. However she discovered later on her true calling was in Real Estate, where she worked at several local realty offices.

Outside of being a mom, Joan was very involved with several organizations such as Eastern Star, the Ludlow Grange, Ludlow School Board and the United Church.

Joan was one-of-a-kind, who enjoyed cooking, spending winters with her husband in Florida, shopping, and most of all time with family and friends. Her laughter would light up a room and her sense of humor was intoxicating to all that were in her presence.

She is survived by her husband Carroll A. Sanderson of Ludlow, Vt., son Todd Sanderson of Ludlow, Vt., son Brett Sanderson and wife Jamie of Ludlow, Vt. and grandson Jarrett Sanderson of Chester, Vt.

Joan was predeceased by her daughter Kelly Sanderson, parents Elwin and Mabel Booth, and brothers Charles Booth and Henry Booth.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday July 21, 2017 at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vermont. Reverend Malcolm Fowler will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ludlow Fire and Rescue Departments at P.O. Box 359 Ludlow, Vermont 05149.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting the family with arrangements.

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A safe adventure in the Williams River

BY BRANDY TODT

The Vermont Journal / The Shopper

CHESTER, Vt. — The Great New England Hurricane struck Chester in late September 1938. The water flooded Main Street, deep gullies laid open the flat ground and the E.R. Wiggins Lumber & Construction buildings, located just off Cobleigh Street, were swept downstream in the Williams River. The Wiggins safe was never to be seen again ... or perchance it would surface 79 years later.

On a 1925 Sanborn Insurance map, Wiggins is shown to have constructed a variety of buildings in what is now the field behind the Fullerton Inn. Wiggins would have been the big carpentry company of the day; they built the Chester Masonic Lodge in 1922.

Herbert "Herbie" Randall, was born in the 1880s and a previous worker at Wiggins, lived in a modest home down the road from Ron Patch's house on High Street. Patch spent a lot of his time at Randall's place, learning and listening; it was during one of those times he told Patch about the missing safe. A fan of the Hardy Boys mystery books, Patch dreamed of one day finding the treasure.

A lovely summer day in 2016 Patch was fishing near the Swinging Bridge, which connects School Street

to High Street, when he noticed something in the river. That section of the river is an "old friend" to Patch, as he crossed the bridge many times at a child. The object was lodged into the streambed and was about one-third above ground.

On behalf of the Chester Historical Society, Patch applied for an excavation permit. The permit gave the society one year to extract the object. Patch had hoped to remove it in the autumn of 2016 but he had to put the excavation on hold because the high water levels.

Finally, after keeping this a secret throughout the winter and spring, on June 29, Patch and Steve Lavoie went into the river to ascertain if the object was actually a safe. There were no hinges on the side or a handle or dial. There was a small opening but the remaining part of it was under water surrounded by rocks. Another day of pre-excavation was scheduled on July 10.

Lavoie was the second person to see the object in the river in the spring of 2016. He knew it wasn't there in the autumn of 2015 and believes that the winter ice dislodged it from where it had been hiding.

"I thought it was at first trash from Irene that had been loosened



Ron Patch and Steve Lavoie stabilizing the safe. PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT

from the riverbank. Then after talking with Ron, I remembered hearing about the missing Wiggins safe as a child," said Lavoie, "Last Monday, I was ninety percent sure it was a safe before we got into the river, then after we went in for a look, I came out thinking it wasn't a safe."

If it wasn't a safe, what could it be? Patch believed perhaps an antique kiln or part of a steam furnace from a factory.

Danny Clemons, Tom Hildreth, Steve Lavoie, Ron Patch, and John Russell arrived at School Street on Monday, July 10 filled with boyish excitement; the mystery was soon to be solved.

Patch, Russell and Lavoie - armed with his scuba gear - went into the river. First they had to remove the rocks that were around the object, and then they attempted to use crowbars to roll it over in order to expose the side that was face down in the riverbed. This side would determine if the object was a safe or not.

After discovering that the object



L to R - Steve Lavoie and John Russell. PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT

was too heavy to roll, Russell brought in chains and a winch. Securing the chains to a buttonwood tree and using the power of the winch, the box started to budge and a corner pierced through the water's surface.

"Its gonna come outta there. I wasn't sure for a while but its gonna," shouted Patch from the river to the remaining group of onlookers standing on the bridge.

As they continued to work, the object slowly lifted upright to reveal the front. A hinge and a door!

Unfortunately, the safe has already been pillaged; the square opening on the top was an unsuccessful attempt, but a large opening on the right side was a success. Whatever was in the safe has long been removed. However, this opening allowed Patch to put his hand inside and learn that the safe walls are made of six inch thick concrete mixed with stone.

The safe was too heavy to manually move up the steep river bank and had to wait until Saturday, July 15 when Palmer Goodrich of P&L

Trucking, Logging, Excavating arrived with his log picker truck. After securing the safe with chains, it was hoisted effortlessly to the grass and onto P&L's trailer then driven to the front lawn of the Chester Historical Society to drain and dry out.

At the Society, a more thorough examination took place. The measurements were 26 inches wide, 23 inches in depth and 31 inches in height. The door piece measured 22 inches wide by 27 inches high. The estimated weight is 1800lbs. There would have been casters on the bottom but those, the handle, one hinge, and lock are all gone.

The concrete is covered in a steel boilerplate that was designed in panels; a style of the late 1880s. The safe is rusted but if and how to clean it has not yet been determined. It was noted that not all of the chambers inside have been plundered; therefore it is possible that when the safe is opened there could be identifying material.

"The most exciting part for me was not when it was lifted from the river but when we had tilted it upright to reveal the hinge and door. It is a safe!" Russell said with wide-eyed enthusiasm.

It is a safe but is it the Wiggins safe?

One possible story is this safe was from a business, perhaps in Chester, Grafton or Springfield; it was stolen, broken into and then hauled to a river for disposal.

The plan is to "crack open" the safe from the back, therefore preserving the front and allowing the Society to display the relic. Jess Robinson, the state archeologist, will be present at the opening. Once it has been



Ron Patch rinses out the safe. PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT



Danny Clemons takes a peek inside. PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT

opened, there is sure to be more questions and hopefully some answers.

If anyone has information that can help solve the safe mystery, please contact either Ron Patch at knotz69@gmail.com, The Vermont Journal at editor@vermontjournal.com or 228-3600.

View more photos of the excavation visit vermontjournal.com.



P & L Trucking, Logging, Excavating pulled the safe from the river. PHOTO BY TOM HILDRETH

Can I save for retirement if I'm self employed?

REGION - The answer is yes...but how do you do it? You don't have an employer retirement plan or a department to assist you. The responsibility falls entirely on you.

Several surveys have shown that as much as 70 percent of small business owners and self-employed workers aren't saving regularly for retirement, and almost 30 percent aren't saving at all.

If you want to maintain your lifestyle in retirement, you should seriously think about making a commitment to prioritizing your retirement savings and put proper accounts in place to maximize the growth of future funds.

Prioritizing Savings

One benefit of employer sponsored 401(k) plans is that funds are automatically deducted from each paycheck. Rather than setting aside whatever's left over at the end of each month, these plans force employees to have a percentage of their money transferred directly into savings. This is essential in prioritizing retirement savings- ensuring that future funds don't get spent on current bills or discretionary expenses.

As a self-employed person, you can do this same to make sure your retirement contributions don't get spent in favor of current wants and needs. You are able to set up similar direct withdrawals by simply scheduling regular transfers from your

checking account to your brokerage.

Options

One of the top benefits of traditional retirement plans is the tax deferred account option. Luckily, the self-employed have their own account alternatives with similar benefits- the SEP IRA, the Individual 401(k), and the SIMPLE IRA.

SEP IRA. A Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) IRA allows you to contribute up to 25 percent of your net earnings from self-employment up to \$53,000 annually (for 2016). The SEP IRA is flexible, low cost, and easy to set up. There are no required minimum contributions and individuals can wait until their business' tax filing deadline to pay into to the account- allowing for strategic last minute increased (or decreased) contributions based on annual earnings and tax liability.

Individual 401(k). Similar to traditional employer 401(k) plans; you can make salary deferrals of up to \$18,000 per year (in 2016) on a pre-tax basis to an Individual 401(k), plus an additional \$6,000 for those 50 and older. Unlike traditional 401(k)s though, Individual 401(k)s allow for an added contribution of 25 percent of net earnings from self-employment each year. While this plan allows for larger contributions, it is only available to business owners with a spouse and single business owners with no employees.

SIMPLE IRA. A SIMPLE IRA, or Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees, is a traditional IRA for

small business owners with 100 or fewer employees. This account option is best if you have a few employees or you plan on expanding your solo business and would like to offer prospective workers an added perk. The contribution limits max out at \$12,500 (for 2016)- plus an additional catch up for those over 50.

The present benefit of future savings

All three of these plans- Individual 401(k), SEP IRA and SIMPLE IRA- are pre-tax plans, meaning every penny saved for retirement is deducted from taxable income. Taking advantage of retirement accounts not only helps the self-employed in their financial futures, it keeps more money in your pocket today.

Put time on your side
Small business owner have a lot on their plates so it's easy for long term goals to be overlooked. Time is our most valuable resource and this certainly applies to saving and investing for the future. The time to plan for retirement is now - not a couple years before you retire.

Retirement planning is not limited to many years down the road however. Putting the proper accounts in place and making regular retirement contributions non-negotiable, even for the self-employed, can be effective in your current short-term cash flow and profitability.

Article written by Kevin Theissen, Principal at Skygate Financial Group.

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REGION - Becky Burke and Carol Munson, co-chairs of the Sponsorship Committee for the 25th Anniversary Komen Vermont Race for the Cure, are excited to announce the following Raffle prizes to be drawn at the Race's Awards Ceremony - after 10 a.m. - at Riley Rink at Hunter Park on Race Day, Saturday, July 22.

First Prize - 14K Gold w/Opal & Diamond Slide Pendant with S.S. 18" Rope Chain, courtesy of Race sponsor McWayne Jewelers

Second Prize - "Basin Harbor," painting, courtesy of Race sponsor Tilting at Windmills.

Third prize - Imperial Beauty Bone Inlay Tray, courtesy of Race sponsor Mela Artisans.

Tickets will continue to be sold through Race Day morning July 22 at Riley Rink at Hunter Park. Tickets will ask for name, phone and email. Winner need not be present to win.

Raffle tickets may be purchased at McWayne Jewelers, Stella's Salon and Bourn's Tire & Auto in Manchester. Payment with cash, and checks payable to Komen New England, accepted.

Tickets are also available for purchase, in person, at the Komen New England office, 1009 Depot Street in Manchester (in the back of Women & Children's Health Services, upstairs). Raffle Tickets will not be sold through the mail or online.



First Prize is a 14K Gold w/Opal & Diamond Slide Pendant with Sterling Silver 18" Rope Chain, courtesy of Race sponsor McWayne Jewelers. PHOTO PROVIDED

Proceeds will benefit the 2017 Komen Vermont Race for the Cure, and therefore local service organizations funded through the Komen New England grants program, and fund vital national breast cancer research.

Prizes may be picked up at the race on Saturday, July 22, or at Komen New England - VT Office (1009 Depot Street) in Manchester, VT. Items will not be shipped.

For more information please call the Komen Vermont Race Office at 802-362-2733 or email Linda Maness at lmaness@KomenNewEngland.org.

College of St. Joseph expands athletic offerings

RUTLAND, Vt. - College of St. Joseph will add three new sports to its athletics roster; in addition to the varsity eSports program, the College will add cross-country, cheerleading and dance, and bowling to its intercollegiate athletic offerings. The new programs will begin play in the Northeastern Intercollegiate Athletics Conference under the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics beginning this fall.

"We are excited to announce the addition of three new varsity sports at College of St. Joseph," said Athletic Director Jeff Brown. "These programs are a natural fit for our intercollegiate program and we have selected some of the most well-known and respected coaches in the region to lead our student-athletes."

The College has named Cara Gauvin as head coach for cheerleading and dance, Jonathan Lamiotte as head coach for cross-country, and Jon Wilbur as head coach for bowling.

Gauvin has been the head coach for Rutland High School's varsity

cheerleading program for 24 years, leading the Raiders to multiple state and regional titles, as well as second place at the National Cheerleading Association Senior and Junior High School National Championship in 2015 before taking home a national title in February. Gauvin owns Peak Performance All Star Cheer and Dance and is the former head coach of Castleton University's club team.

Lamiotte currently serves as head coach for College of St. Joseph's women's basketball program. He is the former head coach of Green Mountain College's women's basketball program and also served

as assistant men's soccer coach at the nearby college. In addition to his role in athletics, Lamiotte also works in the office of admissions at CSJ and is instrumental in recruiting student-athletes.

Wilbur is a touring PBA bowler-talented instructor at the local alley, Rutland Bowlerama. He is a staff player for Columbia 300's regional and amateur team, as well as an ambassador for the New England Bowlers Association.

College of St. Joseph also offers intercollegiate men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, men's golf, women's volleyball, softball, and baseball.

Girls on the Run Vermont wraps up its 18th season with a strong local impact

REGION - Each spring Girls on the Run Vermont (GOTRVT) offers a 10-week empowerment program for Vermont girls in grades 3-8. Though its program is seasonal, Girls on the Run Vermont as an organization works the entire year to strengthen its impact locally - striving to expand its mission and reach to as many Central Vermont girls as possible in the upcoming season.

Included in this yearlong effort is the dedicated staff and board whose passion to inspire local girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident is essential. In March, GOTRVT excitedly welcomed Nicole Moran to its board. Nicole Moran is the Director of Hospice and Palliative Care Services for the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region of Vermont. Nicole resides in her hometown of Rutland, Vermont with her husband and two children. In addition to her role on the Board for GOTRVT, she is a member of the Rotary Club of Rutland City, serving the community she calls home. Nicole is also a certified fitness instructor, teaching classes at Studio Fitness in Rutland.

This season, the Girls on the

Run program (grades 3-5) and the Heart & Sole program (grades 6-8) impacted more than 600 girls in Central Vermont - empowering them to be the strong future leaders of our community. The 2017 spring program culminated in May with a celebratory 5k event at the Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland with the support of Presenting Sponsor, Carris Reels and Hydration Sponsor, Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Additionally, Girls on the Run Vermont was able to offer financial assistance to more girls than ever this year. As a non-profit, GOTRVT relies on numerous sources to make its program possible for girls and their families including business and individual donors, special events, its annual scholarship drive, and through GOTRVT's charity running program called SoleMates. Its very own Executive Director, Nancy Heydinger, signed up to be a Sole-Mate when she joined Hyland's all-women team and ran the 2017 Boston Marathon, raising pledges



At the 5k event at the Vermont State Fairgrounds, teaching girls healthy living. PHOTO PROVIDED

during her training journey for the GOTRVT Every Girl Fund.

For more information about Girls on the Run Vermont please visit www.GirlsOnTheRunVermont.org, call (802) 246-1476 or email info@girlsontherunvermont.org.



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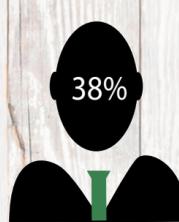
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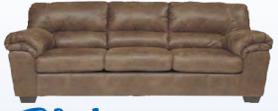
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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

People throughout the area who have enough years on them, remember Gerry Curcuro as a successful football and basketball coach. I remember the days of both well. For the purposes of today's article, I also remember him as a guy who told me, someday your sporting interests will change. You change as the years change.

Curcuro was my science teacher when I was a freshman. We talked sports every day, except... You see, despite the fact Curcuro grew up in New England, Gloucester, Massachusetts to be exact, he was a Yankee fan. How? I don't really know and, he was a Cubs fan too. At least one of his teams had to wait longer than Red Sox fans to have their day in the sun.

So, I remember, Curcuro talking about change, but I really didn't think the change would be that great.

When I entered adulthood, there were three events on my sporting calendar, that clearly stood above the rest. The Vermont State High School Basketball Tournament, the Vermont State Legion Baseball Tournament and anything Red Sox including the World Series, whether the Red Sox were in it or not. Those three were Prime Time big time and nothing, except possibly New Years Day came close.

Fast-forward and things have changed. Anything Red Sox has stood the test of time and the fact that is part of my main job description today helps, but the rest has changed. What Curcuro didn't tell me back then, and I guess he didn't need to, was that occupation and family has a big way of dictating time available for what you may want to do.

Today, the NCAA Basketball Tournament and the Super Bowl, have found their way into my consciousness and time availability to have replaced the high school hoop tournament and the legion tournament as glorified events, I cannot possibly miss.

But...that does not mean, that I care any bit less about the Vermont State

Basketball Tournament or the Vermont Legion Baseball Tournament. It just means basically, that because they have been out of sight, they have basically been out of mind.

Which brings me to my excitement this week. For the first time in a long time, I will be able to see more than one game in the state legion tourney. I would say, I have probably seen about five games in the last 25 years, when there were probably 20 years, I saw every game of this marquee event. I have been lucky enough to have been a part of the festivities as a print reporter, broadcaster and umpire and the enjoyment and excitement up close, watching teams advance and be crowned champions is really awe inspiring.

This week, my schedule will have me covering some games and I am likely to be able to catch a few beyond that, so it is likely I will see more games this time around, than I have seen in the last twenty years together. For area fans, it appears almost certain, BF will play at 2 p.m. on Saturday, the day the tourney opens at the Maxfield Complex on Route 5 in White River Junction. The tournament continues with a non-rain interrupted final slated for next Wednesday, July 26. Games begin at 9 a.m. Saturday with four games being held on that day with Post 37's game, likely the third game of the day.

It was just three years ago, that BF's Michael LaBeau was on the mound pitching for Post 37 with that summer's tournament held in the Rutland area. As regular readers know, the former Terrier carved out quite a career for himself at Castleton University and then excelled in the New England Collegiate Baseball League as a Keene



One year ago Mike LaBeau was pitching in the NECBL All-Star Game as a member of the Keene Swampbats. This year, he just pitched in the Alaskan League All-Star Game. He is hoping to find a professional team to take a chance on him when his Alaska experience comes to an end in early August.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Swampbat.

LaBeau would have liked nothing better than to have returned to Keene this summer, but the NECBL does not showcase graduated seniors, thus, LaBeau took his talents to Alaska, where he is now in action and has done exactly what he did last summer, he has stood out in the famed Alaskan Collegiate League. He made the All-Star team again and hurled 2/3 of an inning in the Classic, having to then step aside to allow one more All-Star to get a chance. LaBeau has gone through his eight appearances, including the Star get together, having not given up a run and has again captured the closer role. LaBeau is hoping there will be another chance awaiting him somewhere, when his stint ends up in early August.

Circling back to Curcuro, who had many a day in the sunshine when he was here, probably the biggest being the day the Bellows Falls Terriers captured their greatest football championship of them all, the 1971 Vermont Division 1 crown with a 14-13 thrilling encounter with Montpelier.

Curcuro's biggest sporting accomplishment however, may not be winning that title. He was smack in the middle of fathering the Connecticut River Valley Football League, which has proven to be possibly the biggest reason for BF football success over the years. As memory best serves me, Hal Bushway, Gerry Cray and Lee Brown were other founding fathers of the league, which is expected to celebrate its 50th anniversary on September 10 with some type of festivities.

BF Post 37 headed to state tournament

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Vermont State Legion Baseball Tournament opens this weekend in White River Junction and Bellows Falls has found their way in. One week ago, the Post 37 team coached by Bill Lockerby, had a foot in the door and winnable games ahead of them and they chose the first stretch run game, a 1-0 victory over first place Brattleboro, to set the tone and to prove to one and all, that BF belonged. Brattleboro has not been the same since, losing three additional games and falling out of the top spot.

Hartford is likely to be the top southern seed, followed by Rutland and Brattleboro, but four games this week will determine the final order. Post 37 is expected to play a 2 p.m. game on Saturday against one of the top two northern teams. They may have the fourth Southern seeded position for the second year in succession. One year ago, BF upset the top Northern seed in the first round. The schedule will not be released until probably Thursday.

Lockerby's nine, forged across the only tally of the game against Brattleboro last Tuesday at Hadley Field in the sixth inning, to break a scoreless tie. Alex Groenewold, the

top BF for average hitter, scored that winning run. He hit the ball hard to first base and reached on an error. Lockerby, playing traditional BF small ball, called on Zac Streeter to bunt and he advanced the runner, who then moved to third on a ground out and scored on a second infield error. Streeter had two hits for Post 37 in the big win.

Brady Illingworth started the big encounter on the mound and when he began to labor a little, Kendal Heath came out of the bullpen in the fourth. The two combined to shutout the then first place team on two hits.

The Bennington game on Thursday started out tight as well, but there was nothing tight about it once BF got their bats warmed up. A 1-1 contest halfway through quickly turned into an 11-1 Post 37 blowout. Seth Balch struck out nine

in a complete game victory on the mound and both Jacob Streeter and Groenewold had two hits and two runs batted in, while the Zac half of the Streeter family had two RBIs as well.

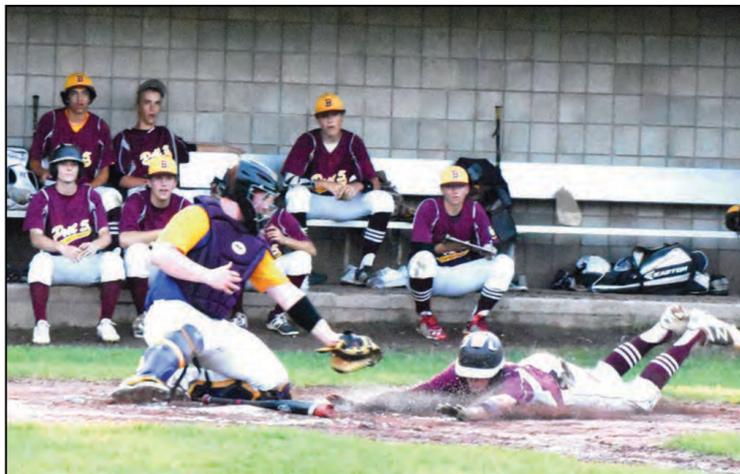
That brought the locals to just need one win in two games in a doubleheader at Lakes Region last Saturday to guarantee themselves a play-off berth. The two teams had

two nail biters, with LR overcoming a 4-0 deficit to win the opener 5-4, but Heath then took things into his own hand in the nightcap (obviously he had a little help from his friends as the saying goes) as he pitched a complete game 5 hitter and contributed a big three run homer in the 4-2 BF triumph. In Game one of the twin bill, Josh Woods and Illingworth each con-

tributed 2 hits, while Joe Corey had a two run single.

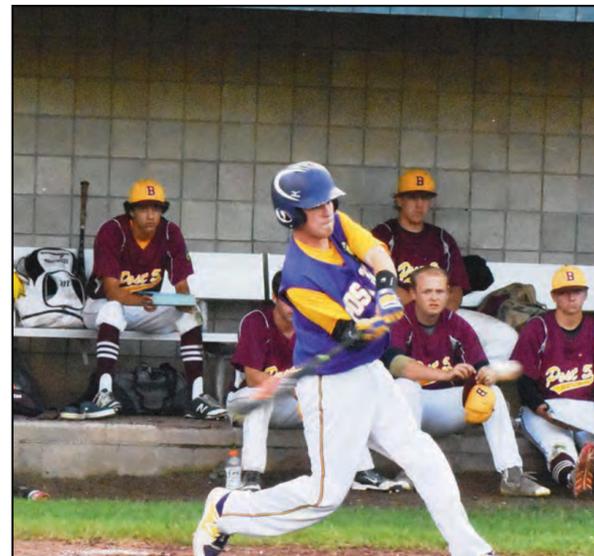
The BF regular season concludes on Wednesday night when they host Ludlow under the lights. They

will then await their final seeding and the time of their contest Saturday in White River. The tournament is a double elimination affair, which is scheduled for July 22-26.



When BF shuts out Brattleboro 1-0, a tag out play at home plate by Post 37's Liam Hackett is a truly big play.

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Post 37 shortstop Joe Corey makes contact here against Brattleboro last week in a game BF surprised their southern neighbors 1-0. BF has earned a tournament slot, while at the same time sending Post 5 on a morbid finish, which cost them the top seed in the upcoming Legion Baseball Tournament.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Glove, Sweat, & Cheers Women's Softball team is safe at home!

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - On July 8 at the 23rd annual Glove, Sweat, & Cheers Women's Softball Tournament fundraiser, regional teams rose to the challenge to support the work of the Women's Freedom Center. Players exhibited their tough, competitive spirit as the teams vied for top honors in the double elimination tournament, resulting in First Place Champion titles for Quenneville Trucking (C Division) and Guilford Auto (D Division).

Other top contenders included second place winners, Windham OBG (C) and the Persistahs (D); and third place winners, Joe's Girls (C) and Corse's Excavating (D). The Crossroads and Mobil Misfits Teams fiercely held their own in the lively tournament, which benefits the local domestic violence shelter and programs.



Regional teams supported the work of the Women's Free Center.

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An Evening with Andrea McArdle at Weston Playhouse

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Join McArdle at the Weston Playhouse. PHOTO PROVIDED



Andrea McArdle.

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This concert celebrates the "Great American Songbook" as performed by Broadway legend Andrea McArdle and her accompanist and music director. Audiences will be taken on a musical journey that reaches from the sounds of Tin Pan Alley to stages of Broadway to the sound stages of Hollywood. Filled with anecdotes about the legends with whom she has worked and with songs that became the soundtrack of America, Andrea sings songs of love, life, joy, our yesterdays and "tomorrows."

Andrea McArdle rocketed to stardom as Broadway's original "Annie," for which she was the youngest performer ever nominated for

the Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical, winning both the Theatre World and Outer Critics' Circle Awards for her performance. On Broadway she was seen as Belle in "Beauty and the Beast" and as Fantine in "Les Miserables." On tour she starred in "The Wizard of Oz," "Cabaret" and "Peter Pan." Andrea has performed in concert halls from Carnegie Hall to the best showrooms in Las Vegas to the Metropolitan Opera as well as the White House.

Alison Turner returns to the Proctorsville Green

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association on behalf of the Town of Cavendish invites everyone to the Cavendish Music Series on Wednesday, July 26, at 6 p.m. when Alison Turner takes the stage on the Proctorsville Green. This will be the fourth of the 2017 concerts that are held on consecutive Wednesday evenings in July and August.

Returning for the second year in Proctorsville, the American singer-songwriter hails from the small town of Royalton, Vt. As a self-managed songstress, she records and performs a "heartfelt" and unique style of alternative indie pop. Having started writing songs at the age of 7, Turner has developed over the years into

the introspective, creative songwriter she is today.

The concert is free and open to everyone, not just Cavendish residents, so join your friends and neighbors in front of the gazebo on the green. Bring a blanket or a comfortable chair, have a picnic, or just lie back and relax on the grass. It's a fun way to enjoy the summer weather and reconnect with old friends or make new ones.

For more information please call Robin at 802-226-7736. In the event of rain, postponement information will be reflected on the Cavendish Facebook page.



Alison Turner.

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The works of Leonardo da Vinci

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The film "Leonardo da Vinci: Painter at the Court of Milan" will be shown at the Bellows Falls Opera House Wednesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. The 90-minute feature

highlights opening night of the largest-ever collection of Leonardo's surviving paintings at the National Gallery in London. The film captures the excitement of the occasion and provides a fascinating exploration

of Leonardo's great works.

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Southern Vermont Idol week 3 features rock 'n roll

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Week 3 of the 2017 Southern Vermont Idol, a premier amateur singing competition in its 13th year, will be held on the main stage of the Bellows Falls Opera House on Sunday, July 23 at 2 p.m. Week 4 continues on Sunday, July 30 at 2 p.m., and the finale, Week 5, will be held on Friday, August 4 at 7 p.m. during Old Home Days weekend.

Youth contestants ages 6-12 join in weeks 3, 4, and 5 and will perform at the beginning of the show: Erianyss Aviles, Ezra Holloway, Marlin Hubbard, Lanie Goodwin

and Anthony Mitchell. A special pre-show performance by the students of Gem Starz (formerly Le Studio) will kick off the Idol show on July 30.

Musical selections from artists inducted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame will be performed by Zac Binney, Jaia Caron, Morgan Carter, Jenna Cousineau, Jennifer Cowdrey, Bill Delaney, Josh Delaney, Jamie Denno, Amber DiBona, Lara Germana, Mackenzie Hall, Madison Jacques, Alexis Johndrown, Allie McGahie, Gina Richardson and Sonya Robison.

All performers are defined as amateurs: a performer who engages in singing occasionally, paid or unpaid, rather than as a sole profession.

The top four adults have a chance

to win the grand prize of \$1,500 and a full-day recording session at Guilford Sound, a local professional recording studio. Second prize is \$750, third is \$500 and fourth is \$250. The top four youth will win trophies, cash and prizes. All finalists will be invited to perform on stage during Old Home Days festivities on Saturday, August 5.

The emcee for the event is comed-

ian, singer and entertainer Wade Garrett. Judges for July 23 are Steve Pro, Jeanie Levesque and Karen Bays Ducharme. Judges' scores count for 50 percent of contestant total, and audience scores comprise the remaining 50 percent. Audience members will vote for both youth and adult contestants.

Purchase tickets online at www.rampartstickets.com. Tickets also available at the door. Seating is general admission; doors open at 6 p.m. and the shows begin at 7 p.m. The Saxton's River Inn will provide a cash bar and the concessions stand will be open. Donations of personal hygiene items, socks, peanut butter/jam and other food staples will be accepted for Our Place Drop-In Center throughout all five weeks of the event.

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The Southern Vermont Idol.

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Student drama presented on the Weston Green

WESTON, Vt. - On July 20 at 2 p.m., Rutland High School's EPIC summer theatre program will present "Mirror, Mirror, Show Us the Fairest World of All" on the Weston Green. Developed by the students, this musical audience participation play is designed for children of all ages. From the opening, when a reformed Rumpelstiltskin enters to share the story of Lithland, a kingdom somewhere and some when not too long ago, the audience is part of the story. The queen of Lithland believes her land to be the fairest of them all. But is it? Can the wizard in the mirror be trusted or does he have his own plans for Lithland? Please join us and help Lithland become the fairest land in the world. The performance is free. The Green is located on Route 100, in the center of Weston Village.



Students rehearse their parts in the play.

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Interactive play depicts better world

GRAFTON, Vt. - Celebrate this summer's reading theme, "Build a Better World," with a free play at the Grafton Public Library, Friday, July 21 at 6 p.m. The Summer Encore theatre troupe observes its 20th year with "Mirror, Mirror, Show Me The Fairest

World of All," a rollicking tale of villains from folk and fairy tales around the world who have a change of heart and start a crusade to unite the world in peace. This will be an audience participation piece - you will have a chance to be a part of the solution!

There will be keepsakes and a challenge for the audience members to take away with them. Bring a picnic and dine on the library lawn if the weather is nice! For more information, call 843-2404 or email librarian@grafftonpubliclibrary.org.

"Small Great Things" book discussion

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Thursday July 27 at 7 p.m., the Friends of the Ludlow Library will hold a discussion on the recent best seller by Jodi Picoult "Small Great Things." In her latest novel, author Jodi Picoult delves into one of the most profoundly challenging concern of our time -- prejudice, race and justice. Frank and uncomfortable, she takes a risk to enlarge our cultural conversation about race and prejudice.

The relationship between Ruth and her only son, between Ruth and her white public defender and between Ruth and the black community are

important parts of the narrative. So too is the personal history of Ruth and of her adversaries. Written with incredible understanding and intelligence and candor, the author doesn't offer easy answers to the problem of race, privilege, prejudice, justice and compassion in our society.

This is a page-turner and there are many parts of the novel, which can be talked about. Please join us for such an enlightening, interesting discussion.

Fairy house festival seeks volunteers



Volunteers are a key component of the festival. Last year over 40 individuals, families, and organizations joined together to construct the fairy village that was carefully placed along a nature trail. The Nature Museum is seeking fairy architects again for this year's festival, which takes place on September 23-24 from 10a.m. to 4p.m.

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Seeking a Ralphie Parker

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The River Theater of Charlestown, N.H., is looking for someone to play the Ralphie Parker character for their November 2017 production of "A Christmas Story."

Ralphie is 9, going on 10 (but can be played by a 9-13-year-old.), cute and winsome, but not precious. A regular kid you wouldn't mind hav-

ing as a next-door neighbor. He's a bit mischievous and rascally but with a twinkle in his eye. Above all he is a dreamer. The River Theater is seeking a young boy who is comfortable and honest on stage. Must be a good singer and able to carry a show.

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A panel of local photographers will judge and choose two photographs that best express the CCC's goal of fostering awareness, stewardship and enjoyment of Chester's hiking trails. A third winning photo will be selected by the readers of The Chester Telegraph as the "Reader's Choice" award.

All photo entries must be taken of or from one of Chester's hiking trails including the Green Mountain Union Nature Trail, the Lost Mine Trail and the newly developed Butternut Ridge Trail. Trail maps and information can be found under the "Take a Hike" header on the following website:

www.meetchestervermont.com/maps-resources.

The winning entries will be professionally matted and displayed in Chester's Whiting Library in April 2018. Following the month-long display at the Whiting Library, the matted photos will be presented back to the respective photographers.

Throughout the contest, all theme-appropriate photos will be displayed in The Chester Telegraph. The CCC will also periodically post a sampling of photo entries on the Chester Conservation Committee Facebook page.

Photo contest submission dates: June 15, 2017 - February 28, 2018.

Photo entries should be emailed as JPEG attachments to: chestertrails05143@gmail.com. Please include your full name and telephone number as well as a brief description as to where and when the photo was taken. Both black & white and color

photos are acceptable. Also, please give your photo a title! An email acknowledgment will be sent for all photos received.

Any photo entry containing people will require the completion of a "Photo Release" form. Please request that the form be emailed to you when you submit your photo. A maximum of three photo submissions per person will be allowed, from any trail and in any season. If you are submitting multiple photos, please submit them one at a time (one JPEG attachment per email).

Winning photographers will be notified by email. After the library exhibit in April 2018, pickup of the matted photos will be arranged.

By submitting your photographs, you are giving permission to the CCC to use them in any appropriate manner such as CCC displays and/or promotions in any format.

April Melvin to speak on the climate

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - On Friday, July 28 at 7 p.m., April Melvin will present her program, "Understanding Climate Change in Your Backyard" at the Mount Holly Town Library.

April Melvin has spent her career studying the impact of climate change and air pollution on society and the environment. As an environmental scientist, she has worked extensively researching forest health in the Northeastern

U.S. and in Alaska. Her more recent work as a policy professional has focused on estimating how much damage caused by climate change may cost the U.S. Melvin currently resides in Washington, D.C., where she is an associate program officer at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. In this role she brings together leading experts to provide advice to the federal government on issues related

to climate change. She received her Ph.D. in ecosystem ecology and biogeochemistry from Cornell University and holds a B.S. in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of Rochester (N.Y.).

Her program is sure to be both interesting and thought-provoking. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the program. The Mount Holly Town Library is located at 26 Maple Hill Rd. in Belmont.



April Melvin.

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golf/outdoor news

OVGC Men's League results

LUDLOW, Vt. - A familiar team continues to storm its way through Men's League at Okemo Valley Golf Club. Diamond Realty won the night again on July 11, as the teams played a team-of-four scramble on the back nine. Roger Danyew, PJ Garvey, Paul Laporte and Chuck Sweetman combined to shoot a five-under-par 30, and extending their season-long lead to nine points. Finishing second for the night, and remaining in second place in the season-long standings was Honey Dew Man. Peter Girouard, Eric Stocker, Larry Plumb and Jake Pierce fired a 31. Huntley's Wealth Management rounded out the top three. Clemente Delarosa, Jason Koponen, John Boehrer and Mark Huntley shot a 31. Closest to pin winners were Ed Whitman and Jack Koponen.

Weekly Results:
1st Diamond Realty score 30/15pts.
2nd Honey Dew Man score 31/13

pts.
3rd Huntley's Wealth Management score 31/11pts
4th UBS score 31/10 pts.
5th tie Stryhas Builders & Built Rite MFG. 32/9 pts.
7th Knight Tubs score 32/7 pts.
8th Bensons Chevrolet score 32/6 pts
9th Green Mountain Appraisals score 33/5 pts.
10th Skygate Financial score 33/4 pts.

Season Standings:
1st Diamond Realty 93 pts.
2nd Honey Dew Man 84 pts.
3rd Built Rite MFG. 79 pts.
4th Huntley Wealth Management 76 pts.
5th Stryhas Builders 65 pts.
6th Knight Tubs 65 pts.
7th Skygate Financial 63 pts.
8th UBS 62 pts.
9th Green Mountain Appraisals 61 pts.
10th Bensons Chevrolet 57 pts.

Tater Hill Golf League results

CHESTER, Vt. - Going into week eight in the Mountain Division, the Cyr team has moved into first place behind the continued strong play of Carl Gray, who shot a 37 last week. Club champion Brett Roland's East Easy Riders slipped into second place after splitting points with the persistent Coleman's Auto team. With four weeks to go, it's still anybody's game in the Mountain Division.

In the Valley Division, Camp Holly Golf is still in first despite losing 6 points to Jakes last week behind strong performances by Tad Kinsley and Denny Rawson. The Dam Diner, still in second, missed the opportunity to gain on Camp Holly by losing 6 points to the Ovitt team...disabled star Dave Festa could have made the difference for the Diner. Two big matches this week in the Valley... leader Camp Holly vs. 2nd place Dam Diner, and 3rd place LaSalle Builders vs. Jakes.

Mountain Division
Cyr 42
East Easy Riders 40
Joe's Taxidermy 38
Chester Boyz 36
Coleman's Auto 35
Shack Attack 33
Green Door Pub 30
Members 28
Prouty Construction 25
Piper Hill Plumbing 17
Old Guys 12
Team Williams 0

Valley Division
Camp Holly Golf 43
Dam Diner 37
LaSalle Builders 36
Stoneman Masonry 35
Jake's 34
WWC 31
Homes de Peau 27
Gibson Painting 26
T.K. Trucking 26
Ovitt Builders 25
Chaves Excavating 17

Sidehill Cronchers Golf Tournament

KILLINGTON, Vt. - On June 16 at the Green Mountain National Golf Course in Killington, Vt. the Sidehill Cronchers Golf Tournament took place. First place: Todd Sanderson, Kevin Blanchard, Phil Freedom, and Carroll Sanderson. Second place: Pat Garvey Chris Garvey, Roger Danyew and Pat McLaughlin. Mens closets to the pin: Doug Boynton. Women closets

to the pin and longest drive: Ruth Shamback.

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GFRCC annual golf tournament

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce annual golf tournament is on July 21. This year a portion of all proceeds go to the Bellows Falls Class of 2022.

Come out and join us for a fun day of golf at Bellows Falls Country Club in Rockingham, Vt. located on 12 Country Club Rd. Rockingham, VT 05101. The tournament will be played in Scramble

format with 4-person teams. Join as a team or individual. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. Tee Time starts at 11:00 a.m.

If you don't play, there are other ways you can support for the event, volunteering or being a sponsor. Contact Doreen Stoodley at 802-463-4280 or doreen.gfrcc@gmail.com.

Biologists share tips on creating wildlife habitat

Mt. HOLLY, Vt. - Interested in creating wildlife habitat on your property? Biologists from Vermont Fish & Wildlife will present a talk on the techniques and programs available for promoting wildlife habitat at the Mt. Holly Library on Tuesday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

The presentation will describe a program sponsored by the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service that provides free advice and technical assistance from state wildlife biologists, as well as financial assistance to pay for habitat improvements.

Andrea Shortleeve, a habitat biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife, will be presenting at the event. Shortleeve previously worked with the U.S. Forest Service in Montana and Idaho as a wildlife biologist responsible for a wide range of species and habitat management projects. She recently returned to her home state of Vermont to work as a habitat biologist. Shortleeve brings a wealth

of wildlife habitat management and conservation techniques to this discussion.

Biologist Travis Hart, who will also present at the event, worked previously with the Natural Resources Conservation Service on habitat management on that project for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. Hart is also a native Vermonter who has conducted a wide range of conservation initiatives, from assessing stream geomorphology to monitoring bat maternity colonies.

"Landowners are an essential part of the state's conservation effort," said Shortleeve, who noted that 80 percent of Vermont's land is privately held. "We can show you how to improve habitat on your land for a variety of species, from brook trout to songbirds, bobcats to deer, or salamanders to turkeys. And we can help you find funding for that work through a federal Farm Bill program."

The talk is free and open to the public.

Hunter Education Courses being held now

REGION - Vt. Fish & Wildlife says anyone interested in taking a hunter education course should consider doing so this summer, because fewer courses will be available in October and November.

"Invariably many people are disappointed when they can't find a hunter education course being given in the fall," said Fish & Wildlife's Nicole Meier who oversees Vermont's Hunter Education Program. "We actually have more courses available now be-

cause many of our certified volunteer instructors have more time to give the courses before hunting seasons begin."

Completion of a free course is required prior to purchasing a person's first Vermont hunting, bow hunting or trapping license.

Upcoming courses and information are listed on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife vtfishandwildlife.com. For more information about hunter education in Vermont call 802-828-1193.

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Specialties include log, timber frame, post and beam, and SIP (structural insulated panel) construction. They also do a "lot of barns" and outbuildings, Mitchell says. The company emphasizes energy efficiency, including 5-star ratings.

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The public hearing will be held:

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8 AM
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Copies of the new Town Plan are available for inspection at the Town office on Thursdays, 8:30 - 1 PM; additional information is available by calling the Town Office at 802.824.3716 or by contacting the Zoning Administrator at landgroveza@gmail.com.

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FRI-SAT JULY 28-29-LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Yoga asana with Carla Stangenberg of the Jaya Yoga Center in Brooklyn, Friday, July 28, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, July 29, 9-11 a.m. A balance of standing work with floor work. Venue is Mountain Community Yoga, Londonderry. Registration and information about the workshop can be found at www.mountaincommunityyoga.com or by emailing info@mountaincommunityyoga.com. Do the 2-day workshop or an individual session.

WED-FRI, AUGUST 2-4-CHESTER, Vt. – Nature Arts Camp in Chester at the Community Art Garden, 295 Main St., Chester, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. daily. For kids 6 and older (older 5-year-olds by permission). We will explore the arts that are possible when we embrace the natural world. Campers will create tiny nature houses, build a fairy village outdoors, make and sail rafts, play with giant bubbles, learn parachute games, and much more. Sliding scale and sibling discount. Contact Emily for more information at theartgardenvt@gmail.com.

MONDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays at 9:00 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate “Knitted Knockers” to breast cancer survivors. Stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call: 802-463-3907. TFN

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5242 or email at celestem@vermontel.net. TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Flat Iron Exchange building on the Square. All poets welcome. Discussion of all aspects of the poem. 802-463-2204. TFN

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – 9:30-11:00 a.m. Play Group at Saxtons River Elementary School. Come on over for crafts, activities and to play! Call Molly 802-376-6204. TFN

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WEDNESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ladies’ Night at the Bike Shop, 24 Canal St., Bellows Falls. Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m., starting May 31. Ages 18 and up. Basic Maintenance/Open Shop: 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesdays. Participants bring in their own bike to learn basic repair and maintenance. Clinics: 2nd, 4th Wednesdays. Each clinic focuses on one mechanical system. June 14- Derailleurs/shifters, June 28- Brakes, July 7- Wheels/ tires. The schedule will repeat for those that missed one. Space is limited, so preregister per class at least 1 week ahead. Limit 4 women per class. Donation suggested. Contact Bonnie Anderson for more info bonnie@bfbike.org. TFN

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Play Group at First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls/Rockingham Recreation Center. 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Come join the fun! Healthy snack served. Call Molly 802-376-6204. TFN

CAVENDISH, Vt. – From 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., there will be a Tai Chi beginners’ class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Cavendish/Proctorsville, Vt., next to the Post Office at the corner of Rte 131 and Depot St. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225, by email: djem.translator@gmail.com or check for updates on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/gemstaichi/. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. – Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering a Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class for beginners every Wednesday 9:30 – 11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call 802-875-2868. TFN

THURSDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. – Strength-

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 9-11 a.m. creative movement activities and playgroup held in the gym of the Community Center. All parents with young children are welcome. Contact Parks and Recreation Dept. at 802-885-2727. TFN

SATURDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar May Open Play Group 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Studio Momentum, 71 Main Street. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years! Free to member families. Call 802-885-2568 or info@myrecenter.org. TFN

WEEKLY – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Come swim with a great group of adults in our masters swim group at the Edgar May Center. The group meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. The group is comprised of a wide range of abilities

including new swimmers. Call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myrecenter.org. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Youth swim lessons are offered on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Current classes available including our Parent and Toddler class in our warm water therapy pool as well as levels 1, 2, and 3. Our adult swim lessons are on Thursday mornings and feature three levels: Stroke Development, Stroke Improvement, and Stroke Refinement. We also offer a special class, Swimming for the Petrified by appointment call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myrecenter.org. TFN

REGION – “Bone Builders” to combat osteoporosis. Free and open to 55+. Call 802-674-4547. Monday and Wednesday: Brownsville Town Hall 9 -10 a.m.; Martin Memorial Hall in Acutney 10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Cavendish Baptist Church 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Andover Community Church 3 – 4 p.m. TFN

CLUBS

MONDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 21 Fairground Rd. Contact Terri at springfieldcommunitychorus@gmail.com or call Barbara at 802-886-1777. www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary Club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ’s Restaurant, 146 Main St. from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite bank drive-through. Visit www.ludlowrotary.com or contact club President, Tessa Buss at teshabuss@gmail.com. TFN

THURSDAYS – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Rotary Club meets at the Charlestown Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Summer Street. For more information email rayandrosie@comcast.net. TFN

RUTLAND, Vt. – Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club meets from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Godnick Center in Rutland, Vt. Snacks provided. Come join for a fun evening. More info call 802-228-6276. TFN

SATURDAYS – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Artists Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the community center room (under library) and set up a still life. The sessions are open to all and free of charge. All that is needed is pen and paper. TFN

SUNDAYS -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at 4-6 p.m. at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Rd., North Springfield. Membership open at age 12. Call Commander, Maj. Fellows at 802-263-5544. TFN

COMMUNITY MEALS

THURSDAY, JULY 20-BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Free hot dog lunch hosted by Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Thursday, July 20, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. or while supplies last, at its office at 51 Fairview St., Brattleboro. HCRS celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Menu includes hot dogs, chips and cookies. 802-886-4567, ext. 2191. For other 50th anniversary events, go to www.hcrs.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 21-CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Senior Center will put on a free concert, Friday, July 21, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the center, 223 Old Springfield Road. Come listen to Gerry Grimo & the East Bay Jazz Ensemble. Refreshments on sale will include burgers, hotdogs, ice cream sandwiches and popcorn. Also hot and cold drinks and some sweets. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy. Rain or shine.

HARTFORD, Vt. – Free hot dog lunch hosted by Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Friday, July 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. or while supplies last, at its office at 49 School St., Hartford. HCRS celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Menu includes hot dogs, chips and cookies. 802-886-4567, ext. 2191. For other 50th anniversary events, go to www.hcrs.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 27-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Annual Greater Falls Connections BBQ-potluck, 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, July 27 at the Rockingham Rec Center. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided; bring a dish to share. The 2017 ACE Award (Active Community Engagement) winner will be announced. Contact Scott Sharland at 802-463-9927 ext 213 or scott@greaterfallsconnections.org for more information.

SATURDAYS-MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Belmont’s Summer Supper series runs until Oct. 28 at the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., Belmont, to benefit the MHV Auxiliary, Colfax Lodge, Mount Holly fire Dept., Mt. Mariah Mason, the Historical Museum, the MHV Rescue Squad, and Gill Home, IOOF. Settings start at 5 p.m. All you can eat, served homestyle. Takeouts available with all dinners. Menu varies, call 802-259-2460 for details. Remaining dates: July 22, Aug. 12, Sept. 2, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 28.

WEEKDAYS-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Library will serve lunch this summer, every weekday beginning on thru August 16, 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon. Pre-lunch fun activities will take place at 10:30 a.m. Youths 18 and younger eat for free. There are no sign-ups or registration required. However, do let the library know that you’ll be coming so enough lunches can be ordered. For more information about this or any other youth program call the Library at 802-463-4270, email youths@rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St in Bellows Falls.

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. –The Blue Door Kids’ Free Lunch Program has begun in the dining room

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Town of Plymouth will be held on the 1st day of August 2017 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT

to consider an
(X) appeal from a decision of the administrative officer (Appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment)
() application for a variance (Appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment)

Applicant: Ayal Bar-Am, Salt Ash Land LLC, 4758 Route 100A, Plymouth, VT 05056

Proposed use _____
Proposed Location _____

Application: No. 2017-12 Date: July 10, 2017

Signer: Michael Coleman
Chairman

NOTICE OF VACANCY BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION APPOINTMENTS & COMMITTEES

The Trustees of the Bellows Falls Village Corporation, Vermont, hereby gives notice of its intent to form a committee with the purpose of reviewing all Bellows Falls Village Ordinances. Any Bellows Falls resident interested in serving on this committee is asked to forward a letter of interest to Shane O’Keefe, Municipal Manager, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, or email at manager@rockbf.org no later than August 1, 2017. The Bellows Falls Trustees are scheduled to consider committee appointments at its August 8, 2017 meeting.

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MEALS CONT.

WEEKDAYS CONT.- of Christ Church. Entry is through the back door of the church off River Street. Lunches will be served every weekday at 12 noon throughout the school vacation and will be based on kid-approved menus of sandwiches, fruit, cookies and a drink, with a special treat each day. The program is staffed by volunteers from the church and community. Contributions of peanut butter, grape jelly, tuna, mayo, cookies, paper cups and plates are welcome and can be left at the church. Everyone is welcome. TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30-12:15 Monday through Friday to area seniors. The Senior Meals menu for the week is available by calling 802-463-3907. The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. We are wheelchair and walker accessible with plenty of parking. TFN

WINDSOR, Vt. - The summer lunch program for kids and teens is every week, Monday through Friday, noon-1 p.m., through August 11. Three locations: Windsor Recreation Center, Union Square Apartments, and Windsor Resource Center. Sponsored by Hunger Free Vermont. TFN

EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 20-PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn Concerts features music performed by Yellow Barn musicians William Sharp, Donald Weilerstein, and others. At the Putney Public Library, Putney. Thursday, July 20, 7-8 p.m. www.yellowbarn.org/events.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn Concerts features works by Caplet, Ives, Berio, Mozart, Nathan, Globokar, Bloch, Fauré, and Montague. At the Big Barn, Putney. Thursday, July 20, 8-10 p.m. www.yellowbarn.org/events.

FRIDAY, JULY 21-WINDSOR, Vt. - Friday night outdoor movies at 6 p.m. co-hosted by the Windsor Library and the Vermont Farmstead Cheese Company, July 21: "Jungle Book" (1967). For more events, visit vermontfarmstead.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 22-SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Family fitness activity with Kimberly

Irish, Saturday, July 22, 8 a.m. at Riverside Middle School Park, Springfield. Free. Please register with the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center member services, 802-885-2568.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn Concerts features works by Medner, Hurel, Ravel, Bach, and Beethoven. At the Big Barn, Putney. Saturday, July 20, 8-10 p.m. www.yellowbarn.org/events.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn master class with Donald Weilerstein, violin. Public is invited to sit in. In the Big Barn, Putney. Saturday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. www.yellowbarn.org/events.

WESTON, Vt. - Giant book sale to benefit Wilder Memorial Library, Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. On the Weston green, Route 100. One day only!

CHESTER, Vt. - Muddy Ruckus, an Americana-rock duo from Portland, Maine, with a full rock band sound, comes to The Pizza Stone in Chester, Saturday, July 22, 7-10 p.m. Their sound has been described as "grit and soul." The Pizza Stone is located on 291 Pleasant St. (Rte. 11) in Chester.

MONDAY, JULY 24-CLAREMONT, N.H. - Monday children's musical series, 10 a.m. at the historic Claremont Opera House, downtown Claremont, 603-542-4433. "Snow White and Rose Red." Snow White and Rose Red are generous and kind. Confronted by both a dwarf and a bear one day, the girls are in awe when things resolve unexpectedly. Based on the story by the Brothers Grimm.

TUESDAY, JULY 25-PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn Concerts features works by Jalbert, Widmann, Yun, and Beethoven. At the Big Barn, Putney. Saturday, July 20, 8-10 p.m. www.yellowbarn.org/events.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26-WINDSOR, Vt. - Summer concert on the State Street Common from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 26 - Carlos Ocasio.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn Concerts features works by Yellow Barn's 2017 composer-in-residence, Jorg Widmann. At the Big Barn, Putney. Wednesday, July 26, 8-10 p.m. www.yellowbarn.org/events.

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Alison Turner of Royalton, Vt.,

returns to the stage on the Proctorsville Green with her unique style of alternative indie pop, Wednesday, July 26, starting at 6 p.m., sponsored by the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association and the Town of Cavendish. For a listing of all 2017 concerts please go to the Upcoming Events page at www.CavendishCCCA.org. The concerts are free and open to the public. In case of rain, please check the Cavendish Facebook page. For more information please call Robin at 802-226-7736.

THURSDAY, JULY 27-LUDLOW, Vt. - On Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m., the Friends of the Ludlow Library will hold a discussion on the recent bestseller by Jodi Picoult, "Small Great Things." In her latest novel, Picoult delves into one of the most profoundly challenging concern of our time - prejudice, race and justice. Ruth Jefferson, an African American labor and delivery nurse, is prohibited from touching the newborn of a white supremacist couple. The infant suffers a cardiac event while Ruth is in the nursery alone. She hesitates before performing CPR and is charged with a serious crime. The trial becomes a media sensation. This is a page-turner

and there are many parts of the novel, which can be talked about. Please join us for such an enlightening, interesting discussion.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The film "Leonardo da Vinci: Painter at the Court of Milan" will be shown at the Bellows Falls Opera House Thursday, July 27, at 7 p.m. The 90-minute feature highlights opening night of the largest-ever collection of Leonardo's surviving paintings at the National Gallery in London. The film captures the excitement of the occasion and provides a fascinating exploration of Leonardo's great works. Tickets for Leonardo Da Vinci can be purchased online through the RAMParts ticketing platform, www.rampartstickets.com or at the door.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn Concerts features works by Widmann, Stockhausen, Haydn, and Brahms. At the Big Barn, Putney. Thursday, July 27, 8-10 p.m. www.yellowbarn.org/events.

FRI-SAT, JULY 28-29-LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Popular

annual huge tag sale - the Whale of a Sale - is Friday-Saturday July 28-29, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 2051 Route 11, Londonderry. Exercise and sporting equipment, furniture, kitchen items, home décor, small electronics, gardening items, treasures galore and toys, and bake sale Call for directions or if you have questions, 802-824-6453.

WESTON, VT. - Retreat, "The Potter and the Clay," Friday, July 28, 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m. at the Weston Community Church on the Hill, 37 Lawrence Road, Weston. Presented by potter Ray Boswell with accompanying song and guitar by Pat Connelly. The healing power of God's love. All welcome. For details visit www.vtchurchonthehill.org.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn Concerts features works by Widmann, Beethoven, Ligeti, and Zemlinsky. At the Big Barn, Putney. Friday, July 28, 8-10 p.m. www.yellowbarn.org/events.

SATURDAY, JULY 29-PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn Concerts features works by Widmann, Mendelssohn, Schumann, and Schubert. At the Big Barn, Putney. Saturday, July 29, 8-10 p.m. www.yellowbarn.org/events.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Before the final concert by Yellow Barn's 2017 composer-in-residence, Jorg Widmann, Seth Knopp leads a conversation with the composer on the marriage of his musical loves and his own work. At the Putney Public Library, Saturday, July 29, 7-10 p.m. www.yellowbarn.org/events.

MONDAY, JULY 31-PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn master class with Kim Kashkashian, viola. Audience members may sit in as Yellow Barn faculty and guests coach participants on a wide range of repertoire. In the Big Barn, Monday, July 31, 8-10 p.m. www.yellowbarn.org/events.

CLAREMONT, N.H. - Children's musical series, 10 a.m. at the historic Claremont Opera House, downtown Claremont, 603-542-4433.

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Money matters remain a bit unsettled but soon will ease into the kind of stability you appreciate. Meanwhile, an expanding social life offers a chance to make new friends.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Use an unexpected roadblock in your monetary dealings to reassess your financial plans and make changes, if necessary. It soon will be smooth sailing again.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Aspects of love are strong for both single and paired Sagittarians. Professional dealings also thrive under the Sag's clever handling of difficult situations.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set a realistic goal and follow it through to completion. Remember: You're more likely to impress the right people with one well-done job than with lots of jobs left undone.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You like to plan ahead. That's fine. But be prepared to make some changes because of an unsettled period that influences your aspects through the 5th.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A brief phase of instability affects your usual work cycle. Use the time to catch up on chores around the house or office. Things settle down soon after the 5th.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love being the center of attention and probably would be a big success in show business.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A turn in a relationship upsets the amorous Arian, who is puzzled by Cupid's romantic antics. Be patient and considerate. The confusion soon will sort itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for travel-loving Taurians to take off for fun-filled jaunts to new places. And don't be surprised if Cupid tags along for what could be a very eventful trip.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You appear to be of two minds about continuing a relationship that seems to be riding roughshod over your emotions. A frank talk could help you decide one way or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stepping back from a relationship problem provides a fresh perspective on how to deal with it. Meanwhile, watch your words. Something said in anger now could backfire later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation makes the Big Cat uneasy. But hold on until things settle down around the 5th. Meanwhile, continue your good work on that still-unfinished project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A decided improvement in a workplace situation results in an unexpected, but very welcome, added benefit for everyone. Personal relationships also improve.

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EVENTS CONT.

TUESDAYS-REGION - The Springfield Community Band announces its 71st season 2017 summer concert schedule. Details, please call Barbara Rodgers, vice president, Springfield Community Band, 802-875-2079. Remaining concerts:

- Tuesday, July 25 - 7-8 p.m. Children's Concert, Springfield Common, Summer Hill St. (Rain site for Children's Concert - Hartness House Inn)
- Tuesday, August 1 - 7:30-8:30 p.m. Hartness House Inn
- Tuesday, August 8 - 7:30-8:30 p.m. Hartness House Inn

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Pizza Night every Tuesday through August 29 at Orchard Hill Breadworks, 121 Old Settlers

Rd. East Alstead, 5-7:30 p.m. Make your own pizza; crusts, sauce, cheese and you pick your own veggies are provided. Customers are to bring: other pizza toppings, cash or check, drinks, picnic blanket, plates and silverware. All proceeds benefit a nonprofit group for the summer. To view the nonprofit calendar, visit orchardhillbreadworks.com. TFN

THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Yoga at Hartness Park (The Commons) with Aimee Parnell. Thursdays, July 13, 20, August 3 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or yoga mat. Alternate activity planned for inclement weather. Free, however please register with Edgar May Health and Recreation member services at

802-885-2568. **LUDLOW, Vt.** - Gypsy Reel plays regularly at The Killarney, in Ludlow. Music always begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. or later (depending upon football schedule). Fine ale, good pub food, and great music in the traditional Irish style. TFN

GASSETTS, Vt. - Bingo will be held every Thursday night at the Gassetts Grange. Starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Supper, raffle and 50/50 tickets are on sale. Come and join in. Call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051. TFN

SATURDAYS-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Internet and jazz jam Saturday at the

Flat Iron Exchange, located in the square. No cover charge, just a tip jar to listen to some great jazz music. Enjoy a coffee and relax. 5-7 p.m. TFN

EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY-PUTNEY, Vt. - Dinner and a movie, 5:30 p.m. At each event, the chefs at the Gleanery will serve a special menu in time for diners to make it to the hosted 7 p.m. film screening around the corner at the newly renovated Next Stage. For pricing or reservations call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available. 15 Kimball Hill Rd. TFN

LIBRARIES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19-WESTON, Vt. - Wilder Memorial Library, Lawrence Hill Road in Weston, announces its lineup of children's summer programming, programs on

Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. in July and art camp in August. July 19: Michael Caduto celebrates nature with storytelling, song and dance. July 26: TBA. August 1-3, Christine Mix will lead a three-day art camp for kids aged 7 and up. Space is limited, so sign up now at director@wildermemoriallibrary.org, 802-824-4307, or stop in. Visit www.wildermemoriallibrary.org for hours.

FRIDAY, JULY 21-GRAFTON, Vt. - Celebrate this summer's reading theme, "Build a Better World," with a free play at the Grafton Public Library, Friday, July 21 at 6 p.m. The Summer Encore theatre troupe observes its 20th year with "Mirror, Mirror, Show Me The Fairest World of All," a rollicking tale of villains from folk and fairy tales around the world who have a change of heart and start a

crusade to unite the world in peace. This will be an audience participation piece - you will have a chance to be a part of the solution! There will be keepsakes and a challenge for the audience members to take away with them. Bring a picnic and dine on the library lawn if the weather is nice! For more information, call 843-2404 or email librarian@graftonpubliclibrary.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 22-WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - The Weathersfield Historical Society and the Weathersfield Proctor Library present a joint program on "Brown Girl Dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson, July 22 at 1 p.m. at the historic Dan Foster House, 2656 Weathersfield Center Road off Route 131 across from the Meeting House, between Perkinsville and Ascutney. "Brown Girl Dreaming" was chosen by the Vermont Humanities Council to be the Vermont Reads Book for 2017. The program will focus on the cultural background of the story, using bibles, scrapbooks, genealogy, and many items from the Society's permanent collection that are relevant to the book. Copies of the book are available at Proctor Library. Please call Ginger Wimberg at 802-263-5626 if you have any questions.

SATURDAY, JULY 29-SOUTH LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Summer children's programs at the South Londonderry Free Library. Meet Elizabeth the Whippet, Saturday, July 29, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy listening to dog stories and meet Elizabeth. She is a rescued show dog who loves kids and would like to meet you. A dog craft will be made. "Dog biscuit" cookies will be served. 15 Old School Road, South Londonderry, 802-824-3371.

MONDAYS-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Free Public Library summer reading program begins on July 3 and continue until August 21. All programs are free and open to the public and you don't need to have a library card to take part. For

more information about this or any other youth program call the Library at 802-463-4270, email youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org, go online to rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

TUESDAYS - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Story time for toddlers and Pre-K at the Silsby Free Library from 10:30 a.m. Children and parents are invited for stories, songs and finger plays. Session includes playtime, an activity and a story time. Free and open to all. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Town Library story time, 43 Main St., 10 a.m. Free and open to the public with stories, songs, and activities for the youngest readers. For more information, call the library at 802-885-3108. TFN

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Crafts, Stories and Play Time toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities. Rockingham Free Public Library 10:30-11:30 a.m. Contact 463-4270. TFN

WEDNESDAYS - SOUTH LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Summer children's programs at the South Londonderry Free Library. July 19: Raptor program, 10:30 a.m. July 26: Marshmallow building, 1:30 p.m. August 2: Build a turf head with grass seed, 1:30 p.m.; August 16: Rockets, 1:30 p.m. 15 Old School Road, South Londonderry, 802-824-3371.

WESTON, Vt. - Come and enjoy a story hour with friends at the Wilder Memorial Library, Lawrence Hill Road in Weston! 11 a.m.-noon. Call ahead to check, 802-824-4307. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. - Weekly toddler and pre-school story time with a weekly theme, music, and activity. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library. Best suited for ages 5 and younger. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs. TFN

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THURSDAYS
ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Join the genealogy group at Rockingham Free Public Library every Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. when genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard takes you on a quest to discover your family roots. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. Many free databases are available at the library. Beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. Free and open to the public. For details, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org. TFN

FRIDAYS-
CHESTER, Vt. - Storytime at Whiting Library from 10:30-11 a.m. Come and listen to a story every Friday with your children. Call 802-875-2277. TFN

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Free Public Library every Friday from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A limited number of library computers are available. Registration is recommended if you will need to use a library computer. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up. TFN

MEETINGS

TUESDAYS-
WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Westminster Fire & Rescue Department monthly meeting on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. Rescue training is on the second Tuesday and combined drill on the third Tuesday. More information found at www.westminsterfireandrescue.org. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Steampunk Society event committee meeting at the Hartness House Inn at 6 p.m. located at 30 Orchard St. TFN

FOURTH FRIDAYS-
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Monthly Coalition meetings every fourth Friday of the month, from 12-1:30 at Parks Place. Lunch and good company provided. TFN

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1-2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org. TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Overeaters Anonymous Meeting from 7-8 p.m., 44 School St., Bellows Falls. Please call 802-376-3507. TFN

TUESDAYS-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Breast Feeding Support Group 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D. 12-2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 802-885-7511. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. - Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. in Ludlow. Find out more about CoDA at coda.org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcoda2016@gmail.com. TFN

WEDNESDAYS -
LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. - Eating behavior support group meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Women's Center for Binge and Emotional Eating on 70 Main Street. This free group is intended to help you understand your eating and/or weight-related struggles. The group is led by therapists who are trained and specialize in eating behavior. To join call 802-975-0435 or email shiri@fitwoman.com. TFN

THURSDAYS -
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group, 2-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. The group's goal will be to provide a safe and healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - TOPS (Take

Off Pounds Sensibly) at Huber Building, 80 Main St. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m. TFN

FARMERS MARKETS

FRIDAYS-
LUDLOW, Vt. - Ludlow Farmers' Market is held every Friday, 4-7 p.m. on the Okemo Mountain School front lawn, 53 Main St. (Route

103), south of the village. For details, a list of vendors, and to sign up for updates and each week's vendor roster, go to ludlowfarmersmarket.org/blog/. TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Greater Falls Farmers' Market runs to September 29, 4-7 p.m. Rain or shine. Fresh produce, bread, maple products, cheese, eggs, meat and more, accompanied by live music and including children's activities. Venue is

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SATURDAYS-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Farmers Market offers a variety of produce, meats, and other goods from farmers, bakers, artisans and crafters, every Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. until October 7. Venue: Lower Clinton St. next to Nortrax. For

more information call 802-885-4096. Visit on Facebook to view what is offered for the week.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The West River Farmers' Market is located at the junction of routes 11 and 100, Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. until October 7. For more information visit www.westriverfarmersmarket.com, 802-875-5004 and follow on Facebook @westriverfarmersmarket.

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